

TOP CHARACTER KITS  
WE PICK THE CUTEST!

Let's

ISSUE 80 JUNE 2014

# Knit

THE UK'S BESTSELLING KNIT MAG

*Holiday Style*  
**KNITS FOR YOU!**

- \* STRIPY TUNIC
- \* NAUTICAL TEA SET
- \* CROCHET BAG

DAY TO  
NIGHT CARDI

QUICK  
& EASY  
BEACH  
COVER-UP

PERFECT  
PROJECTS  
FOR  
SUMMER!

KNIT IT,  
SEW IT!

EXCLUSIVE DOLPHIN  
BY VAL PIERCE!

FUN-TO-KNIT  
2-BALL SHAWL

CHEAP-AS-CHIPS  
BEACH BAG

**MAKES FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

- socks for dad ● stylish wrap
- baby rattle ● raccoon sweater

ISSUE 80 JUNE 2014 £4.99



READ  
THIS!

CASTING OFF METHODS  
ULTIMATE GUIDE INSIDE

ON THE ROAD  
SOUTH WEST

SILK BLEND YARNS  
WE PICK THE BEST!





# Sock Yarn Specialists



Knitting Boards  
& Sock Looms

**KnitPro**<sup>TM</sup>

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO KNIT

**eucalan**  
a whole new spin on laundry!

**Clover**

**Opal**<sup>®</sup>  
Pullover- &  
Sockenwolle

**AUSTERMANN**<sup>®</sup>  
fashion & style

**schoeller+stahl**  
GANZ SCHÖN KREATIV  
SCHÖLLER + ESSENGER

To find a stockist for any of the above  
please visit:

[www.viridianyarn.com](http://www.viridianyarn.com)



# Welcome... to Let's Knit

## Meet the Team...



Deputy Editor,  
Adrienne Chandler

adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk

### This month...

I've been discovering what the south west of England has to offer the travelling knitter. Read all about it on page 33.

**Adrienne's favourite project:** Malana, p9



Editorial Assistant,  
Amy Adams

amy.adams@aceville.co.uk

### This month...

I've been playing the role of domestic goddess after researching how to look after your handknits before storing them away for the summer. (p68)

**Amy's favourite project:** Breton (p63)



Beach hut cushion  
pattern (p16)



Visit [www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards) to nominate your favourite shops and brands

## Need to get in touch?

**Pattern queries:** call 01206 508622 or email [support@letsknit.co.uk](mailto:support@letsknit.co.uk)

**Advertising enquiries:** call Julie Freestone on 01206 505913 or email [julie.freestone@aceville.co.uk](mailto:julie.freestone@aceville.co.uk)

**Subscription queries:** call 0844 844 0947 or email [letsknit@servicehelpline.co.uk](mailto:letsknit@servicehelpline.co.uk)



Editor, Sarah Neal

Just when you thought you knew all there was to know about the basics of knitting, along come a whole bunch of new ideas and **techniques** to turn that notion on its head. This month's Knit School (p51) focuses on casting off, but takes this essential step to the next level. We have methods that are '**surprisingly stretchy**' and ones that create an i-cord edge that you may not have tried, along with the incredibly neat and useful three-needle cast off. Why not finish your next project with a **flourish** by using one of these ingenious methods?

It's an unusual cast-on that's a feature of our Clarity wrap on page 36. It was designed for us by

blogger Sarah Knight in a new series of **exclusive patterns** by leading lights in the online knitting world. This wrap is full of surprises – it's rectangular, and yet it's knitted in the round! Read about Sarah's ethos and find her **top tips** alongside the pattern.

This month also sees the launch of our **British Knitting Awards 2014**, where we ask you to nominate your favourite yarns, designers, shops and companies in return for the chance to win some great goodies! This year we have two new categories – Best British Yarn and Best Yarn Shop Day Experience – so don't miss out on your chance to tell us who gets your vote. Enter on page 39 or online at [www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards)

Happy knitting!

Sarah

[sarah.neal@aceville.co.uk](mailto:sarah.neal@aceville.co.uk)



Use our kit to make George, a cute and cuddly bear complete with his own smart waistcoat and bow tie.

Nominate your favourites in our 2014 Awards (p39) and you may be lucky enough to win this amazing stash!



LK's Amy had to learn a new skill this month – building furniture for our storage feature on page 68!



JOIN @LETSKNITMAG ON





# Look what's in your

## 9 Malana

Using garter stitch and dropped stitches, this elegant beach top is easy to knit and wear!

## 12 Elton

Fall in love with this funky dolphin, complete with sunglasses

## 17 Woolacombe

Knit this practical beach hut bag from simple kitchen string!

## 23 Alfresco

These whimsical tablecloth weights are the ideal accessory for a barbecue

## 26 Splendour

Make a pretty napkin holder and mat set with your FREE yarn

## 29 Chania

Keep airports stress free with this cute Greek-inspired luggage set

## 36 Clarity

Welsh blogger Sarah Knight has designed an innovative lace shawl worked in the round

## 41 Fondant

Learn how to knit garments with this simple stripy tunic by Susie Johns

## 47 Meeko

This cute little racoon sweater is a cheeky addition to your baby's wardrobe!



## 55 Sophie

Throw this pretty shell cardigan over a sundress to finish off an outfit

## 58 Ava

Kelly Menzies' pretty lace shrug is the perfect way to update any outfit!

## 63 Breton

Tea or coffee? This cute nautical tea set is knitted in traditional 5ply Guernsey yarn

## 66 Celadon

Keep your knitting accessories safe with this simple summer tweed needle wrap

## 71 Flopsy

This cute bunny rattle will make a sweet gift to new parents

## 75 Silverstone

There's still time to make these great tyre-track socks before Father's Day!

## 79 Jessica

Smarten up an outfit with this wearable jacket from Rowan

## 94 Portsmouth

Get ready for the beach with a maritime-themed crochet bag

## SHOPPING

### 16 At The Seaside

It's time to head down to the beach with our favourite summer holiday buys!

### 40 Knit Picks

Our favourite shops and products this June

### 44 Silky Smooth

Indulge in a little luxury with these opulent silk and silk-blend yarns

### 73 The Toy Chest

Expand your menagerie with these adorable toy kits!



## Quick Knit

### Who cares? ...We do!

At Let's Knit we understand that nothing is more annoying than errors in knitting patterns. As part of our total commitment to ensuring that your experience of our magazine is as enjoyable as possible, we're proud to offer

#### THE LET'S KNIT PATTERN PROMISE:

- Exclusive patterns featured in Let's Knit have been professionally checked and reproduced with the utmost care. Updates can be found at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)
- Should you encounter any problems we are more than happy to provide support and assistance. Contact us and we will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

**By email:** [support@letsknit.co.uk](mailto:support@letsknit.co.uk)  
**By telephone:** 01206 508622 (office hours only)

**By post:** at the address on page 92 (please mark your envelope 'Support')  
 (Please note we cannot offer assistance with patterns not published in Let's Knit)

# This month's fabulous



9 Malana



12 Elton



17 Woolacombe



23 Alfresco



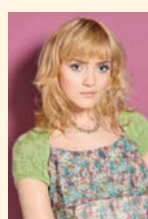
26 Splendour



47 Meeko



55 Sophie



58 Ava



63 Breton



63 Breton



66 Celadon



# June issue!

36



73

## 85 What's in Store

Get the hot gossip from our favourite shops around the UK

## 93 Colour Therapy

Celebrate the sun and the sea with yellow yarns and nautical fashion accents

## FOCUS

### 33 On the Road: South West

Discover the knitting delights of a beautiful part of the country

### 39 Awards Nominations

Win over £200 of knitting goodies by nominating your favourite brands in the British Knitting Awards

### 51 Knit School

Adrienne Chandler demonstrates casting off techniques

### 68 Take Care

Learn how to keep your knits clean and safe

## PEOPLE

### 20 Inspiration Station

This month's news from the knitsphere

### 60 Tea Break

Catch up with the LK community

### 98 "I'm attracted to complexity"

Franklin Habit chats about "the golden age of yarns"

## IN EVERY ISSUE...

3 Welcome

7 This Month We Love

53 Coming Next Month

54 Bookshelf

77 Giveaways

86 Subscriptions

88 Turn the Tables

89 Essential Information

90 Start Right

92 Final Stages



23



# Pattern collection!



26 Splendour



29 Chania



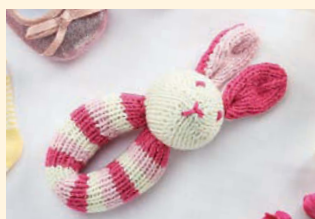
29 Chania



36 Clarity



41 Fondant



71 Flopsy



75 Silverstone



79 Jessica



94 Portsmouth

This issue's  
**FREE GIFT!**

**FREE George the bear knitting kit**





Visit the website for more information and your nearest stockist.

[www.wyspinners.com](http://www.wyspinners.com)

INTRODUCING OUR LUXURY

*Signature*  
4 PLY



We are delighted to introduce our new range of luxury 4 Ply yarn. The wool content contains 35% Bluefaced Leicester making this one of the most sumptuous 4 Ply products on the market. Available in 3 unique and vibrant colour groups.

For more information call 01535 664500 or email [sales@wyspinners.com](mailto:sales@wyspinners.com)

[www.wyspinners.com](http://www.wyspinners.com)



  
reared, sheared & spun  
IN BRITAIN



# this month we LOVE!

We're so glad that June is here...  
What's not to love about summer?!

## Happy Birthday WOOLFEST!



Calling all wool enthusiasts: here's an event not to be missed! This month Woolfest is celebrating its tenth year and it promises to be as exciting as ever. Taking place on 27th and 28th June, Woolfest celebrates nature's finest fibres by selling raw fleece (good news for all you home spinners out there!), craft materials and equipment, and finished crafts. Visitors inspired by what they see there will have the chance to pick up new skills by attending various demonstrations as well as practical workshops in local venues. On top of all this, the Woolfest auction is back by popular demand, displaying entries featuring one of ten different fleece animals, from alpacas and angora rabbits to vicuna and yaks – of course, sheep of all breeds! To find out what else is planned for the weekend, go to [www.woolfest.co.uk](http://www.woolfest.co.uk)



We'd love to make this smart little bow tie as a Fathers' Day gift! The pattern can be found in the Simple Makes series: **Knitting Smitten** by Jessica Biscoe (Quadrille, £12.99). Photography by Keiko Oikawa

## This month we're KNITTING...

The LK team and some of the teams from our sister mags enjoyed knitting this fun little baby blanket for our photographer's new baby! LK editorial assistant Amy said: "It's tradition for everyone to pull together and knit a blanket each time there's a new baby in the office. The community effort involved makes it really special!"



## This month's TOP BUY

In the LK office we love our potted plants: Angus, Duncan and Rodrigo are much-loved members of the team! Having plants and flowers around the house brings the sunshine into your home and this knit-print plant pot is a beautiful way to make a feature out of them. The pot itself is porcelain, with a silicone layer which forms the knitted design. The range includes designs in both lace and knit effect and also includes cups and two vase sizes. The Kinto Couture plant pot costs £18.95 from **01993 867078, [www.95percent.co.uk](http://www.95percent.co.uk)**



## DATES for your DIARY June

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE	CONTACT
<b>6th-8th</b>	The Contemporary Crafts Festival	Bovey Tracey, Devon	<a href="http://www.craftsatboveytracey.co.uk">www.craftsatboveytracey.co.uk</a>
<b>6th</b>	Let's Knit July issue on sale!	Nationwide	<a href="http://www.letsknit.co.uk">www.letsknit.co.uk</a>
<b>14th-22nd</b>	World Wide Knit in Public Day	Worldwide	<a href="http://www.wwkipday.com">www.wwkipday.com</a>
<b>21st</b>	Indie Burgh Yarn Crawl	Edinburgh	<a href="http://www.ravelry.com/groups/indie-burgh-yarn-crawl">www.ravelry.com/groups/indie-burgh-yarn-crawl</a>
<b>27th</b>	Lace Shawl Knitting workshop	London	<a href="http://www.knitshop.co.uk">www.knitshop.co.uk</a>
<b>27th-28th</b>	Woolfest	Cockermouth	<a href="http://www.woolfest.co.uk">www.woolfest.co.uk</a>





**Shop | Online | Phone**

Open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm & Saturday 11pm-5pm

Units 47-48, Evans Business Centre  
Minerva Avenue, Chester, CH1 4QL

T: 01244 389310

E: [info@stashfineyarns.com](mailto:info@stashfineyarns.com)



Only one discount can be applied at any one time. We reserve the right to withdraw this offer without prior notice.

**Kent Crafts**



*Video Tutorials*

*Inspiring projects*

*Free knitting patterns*



Do you like to create hand made items for yourself, family or home?

Looking for inspiration or advice for your next knitting project?

Browse our website for knitting tips, projects and patterns or sign up today for our **FREE** Knitting Basics video tutorial series.

[www.kentcrafts.co.uk/knitting-basics/](http://www.kentcrafts.co.uk/knitting-basics/)

The  
**Crafty Yarn Shop**

**BUY ONLINE AT**  
[www.thecraftyyarnshop.co.uk](http://www.thecraftyyarnshop.co.uk)

**Get Crafty With  
The Crafty Yarn Shop!**

Home to a wide range of Knitting Yarn, Patterns, Needles & Accessories from Top Brands at Competitive prices!

**Coming soon...**

Our brand new website!



**TELEPHONE US ON: 01709 828536**  
**Free UK Postage Over £25**





**SIMPLE  
BEACH  
KNIT**

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE GARMENT PATTERN

*Malana* is a  
*summer beach* top by  
*Kelly Menzies*

Knitted inside out, Malana uses dropped stitches to create a gorgeous openwork effect that is quick and simple to achieve! It will be perfect for throwing over the top of a bikini on the beach, and the light, neutral colour will complement any outfit. The natural wool and cotton blend is ideal for keeping cool in the sun.

START KNITTING ON P10



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

### Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)

### To fit chest (cm):

81 (86, 91, 96, 101, 106, 112, 117)

### Actual Chest (cm):

94 (99, 91.5, 103, 109, 114, 119, 124, 129)

### Back length (cm):

57.5 (57.5, 59, 59, 60.5, 60.5, 61.5, 61.5)

## KNIT KIT

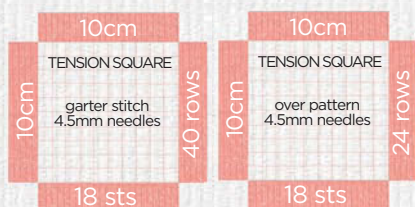
**Yarn:** Bergere de France Bergereine, shade 23560 Pyramide, 10 (10, 10, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13) 50g balls

**Needles:** 4.5mm (60cm) circular, 4.5mm double-pointed

**Stitch marker**

**Tapestry needle**

**Stitch holders**



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Bergere de France Bergereine** is a natural blend of 50% wool and 50% cotton which creates beautifully crisp textured stitches. It is fully machine washable and can even be tumble dried.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**Sirdar Simply Recycled DK** uses the cotton from T-shirt production blended with acrylic to create a soft DK yarn which will keep your conscience clear! Choose from several light and neutral shades, and machine wash at 40°C.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**Bergere de France Bergereine** costs £3.87 per 50g (95m) ball from 01273 508768, [www.cocoonknits.co.uk](http://www.cocoonknits.co.uk)

**Sirdar Simply Recycled DK** costs £2.70 per 50g (130m) ball from 0131 558 1747, [www.mcadirect.com](http://www.mcadirect.com)



## START KNITTING HERE

### Body

Using 4.5mm circular needle, cast on 170 (178, 186, 196, 206, 214, 224, 232) sts, pm and join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts

□ Rnds 1-8: work in garter st [k one rnd, p one rnd]

□ Rnd 9: \* k1, wrap yarn twice around needle, rep from \* to end

□ Rnd 10: \* p1, drop extra loops from the needle, rep from \* to end

□ Rep Rnds 1-10 until work meas 40cm, ending after a Rnd 3

Cut yarn, place next 85 (89, 93, 98, 103, 107, 112, 116) sts on holder for Back

### Front

Working on rem 85 (89, 93, 98, 103, 107, 112, 116) sts, rejoin yarn with WS facing and cont with ten-row patt working backwards and forwards in rows as folls:

**NOTE:** on first patt rep, beg with five rows in garter st as first three rows of patt have already been worked

□ Rows 1-5: work in garter st [k all rows]

□ Row 6 (RS): k1, wrap yarn around needle three times, \* k1, wrap yarn twice around needle, rep from \* to last two sts, k1, wrap yarn around needle three times, k1

□ Row 7 (WS): k1, \* k1 [keep st

very loose], drop extra loops from needle, rep from \* to end

□ Rows 8-10: work three rows in garter st

□ Rep Rows 1-10 until armhole meas 17.5 (17.5, 19, 19, 20.5, 20.5, 21.5, 21.5) cm, ending after a Row 2 (2, 4, 4, 8, 8, 2, 2) Front should meas approx 57.5 (57.5, 59, 59, 60.5, 60.5, 61.5, 61.5) cm

## SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cut yarn, sl first 15 (15, 17, 17, 19, 19, 21, 21) sts on to a holder

□ Rejoin yarn, cast off 55 (59, 59, 64, 65, 69, 70, 74) sts Leave next 15 (15, 17, 17, 19, 19, 21, 21) sts on a holder

## Back

Reattach yarn at beg of Back ready to work a WS row. 85 (89, 93, 98, 103, 107, 112, 116) sts

□ Work as for Front including shoulders

Join shoulder seams by using three-needle cast off on RS (see Knit School on p51)

## Sleeves

□ Using 4.5mm dpns, beg at underarm with RS facing, pick up and k 27 (27, 28, 28, 30, 30, 32, 32) sts up one side of armhole edge to shoulder seam, 27 (27, 28, 28, 30, 30, 32, 32) sts down other side, pm and join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. 54 (54, 56, 56, 60, 60, 64, 64) sts

□ Rnds 1-8: work in garter st [k one rnd, p one rnd]

□ Rnd 9: \* k1, wrap yarn twice around needle, rep from \* to end

□ Rnd 10: \* p1, drop extra loops from needle, rep from \* to end

□ Rep Rnds 1-10 **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at beg and end of every foll 23rd (23rd, 19th, 19th, 14th, 14th, 13th, 13th) row 5 (5, 6, 6, 8, 8, 9, 9) times until 44 (44, 44, 44, 44, 44, 46, 46) sts rem

□ Rep Rnds 1-10 without shaping until Sleeve meas 48.5 (48.5, 48.5, 49.5, 49.5, 49.5, 49.5) cm

□ Cast off

## To make up

Turn work inside out to correct side of top (see Knitwise), weave in loose ends. Wet-block top to measurements, pinning drop stitch sections open **LK**







Bikini top, £9.99, New Look, shorts, £25, Red Herring at Debenhams, bangles from a selection at Topshop

## knitwise

### WHICH WAY IS WHICH?

Malana is sewn up inside out to produce the best stitch effect possible. This means that you will be working with what will later be the garment's wrong side facing you, and you will be turning it the other way out at the end. Any loose ends must therefore be left to weave in later. To avoid too much confusion, the pattern states RS as the side facing you as you knit and WS as the side away from you, so simply follow the instructions as you would any others, and then turn the pieces inside-out before sewing up.



*"Watch your tension when changing from knitting in the round to flat as it can easily alter. Also, be sure to keep the end wrapped stitches loose when knitting flat, or the fabric will start to pucker around the edges."*

LK DESIGNER KELLY MENZIES



# LOVE BEING UNIQUE

Enter **LOVE10LK8** on LoveKnitting.com to get 10% off your first order!



## LoveKnitting.com

Yarn, Needles, Buttons, Books, Patterns, Kits & Accessories



Customers LOVE our service



FREE delivery on orders over £25



EASY returns if you don't love your order



Patterns from Millamia Book – Close Knit Gang





## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Length: 36cm

### KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK, (A) shade 0838 Grey, one 100g ball, (B) shade 965 Black, (C) DK yarn in lime green, oddment of each

**Needles:** 3.75mm double-pointed, 4mm straight

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Scraps of brightly coloured yarn for embroidery (optional)**

**Buttons:** star, mini, 30; star, gold, one

**Safety eyes:** black, two

### ABOUT THE YARN

**Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK** is a quality acrylic yarn, available in a range of shades from subtle earthy tones to eye-poppingly bright neons! It is machine washable, making it ideal for a toy like this.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**King Cole Pricewise DK** is a great value 100% premium acrylic yarn that is soft enough to be used for snugly children's toys and baby clothes.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK** costs £1.69 per 100g (280m) ball from 01926 882818, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

10% off

**King Cole Pricewise DK** costs £1.99 per 100g (282m) ball from 0800 488 0708, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

To find out how to get 10% off all orders at Deramores, turn to the back cover



*"If you intend to give this toy to a very young child, omit the buttons on the glasses and embroider French knots instead, for safety reasons."*

LK DESIGNER VAL PIERCE

## LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE TOY PATTERN

# Elton is a jolly *dolphin* toy by *Val Pierce*

**Elton is the cool dolphin that everyone will be talking about.** Children and adults alike will fall in love with this little dude who is positively bursting with personality and having a whale of a time! It's his big grin and cheery embellishments that make Elton such a fun toy, so there's plenty of scope for adapting them to your child's favourite colours and themes.

## START KNITTING HERE

### Body

**NOTE:** pattern begins at nose

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts

- Row 1: p
- Row 2: kfb in each st to end. 12 sts
- Row 3: \* k1, kfb in next st, rep from \* to end. 18 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Row 7: \* k2, kfb in next st, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Row 13: \* k3, kfb in next st, rep from \* to end. 30 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Row 17: \* k1, kfb, rep from \* to end. 45 sts
- Row 18: p
- Row 19: k12, kfb in each st to last 12 sts, k12. 66 sts
- Beg with a p row, work 17 rows in st st
- Row 37: \* k4, skpo, rep from \* to end. 55 sts
- Beg with a p row, work

seven rows in st st

- Row 45: \* k3, skpo, rep from \* to end. 44 sts
- Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st
- Row 53: \* k2, skpo, rep from \* to end. 33 sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Row 59: \* k1, skpo, rep from \* to end. 22 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Row 63: (k2tog) to end. 11 sts
- Row 64: p
- Cast off

rows in st st

□ Cast off

### Flippers (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 24 sts

- Work 16 rows in st st
- Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until four sts rem
- Next row: (k2tog) twice. Two sts
- Next row: p2tog. One st
- Fasten off

### Top fin

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- Row 1: p
- Row 2: kfb in first stitch, k to last two sts, k2tog
- Row 3: p
- Rep Rows 2-3 five more times
- Next row: k2tog, k to last st, kfb in last st
- Next row: p
- Rep last two rows five times more
- Cast off

### Tail

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Inc one st at each end of next and foll alt rows to 26 sts
- Beg with a p row, work 17 rows in st st
- Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until ten sts rem
- Beg with a p row, work three



Elton's glasses and embroidered flowers are optional but they bring his sunny personality to life!



*"Elton's wacky shades really put me in a holiday mood. In fact, why stop at the sunglasses? Why not make him an ice cream or a surfboard too?"*



LK EDITORIAL ASSISTANT AMY ADAMS



LOVEABLE  
**DOLPHIN**  
TOY

KEEP KNITTING ON P14



## knitwise

**AYE AYE, CAPTAIN!** To make an i-cord, cast the number of stitches required on to a double-pointed needle. Knit these stitches and then, without turning the knitting, push the stitches back up to the right-hand end of the needle. Then, holding the needle in your left hand, pull the yarn firmly across the back of the work and knit the stitches again. Continue repeating these steps until you have the number of rows required.



### Eye base (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on three sts

- ❑ K two rows
- ❑ Inc one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until there are seven sts
- ❑ K two rows
- ❑ K2tog at each end of next and foll alt rows until three sts rem
- ❑ K two rows
- ❑ Cast off

### Glasses

#### SIDES (make two)

Using 3.75mm dpns and yarn C, cast on four sts

- ❑ Work an i-cord (see Knitwise) for 28 rows
- ❑ Cast off

#### RIMS (make two)

Using 3.75mm dpns and yarn C, cast on five sts

- ❑ Work an i-cord for 42 rows
- ❑ Cast off

#### CENTRE OF GLASSES

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C, cast on four sts

- ❑ Work an i-cord for eight rows
- ❑ Cast off

### LENS (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on seven sts

- ❑ Row 1: p
- ❑ Row 2: inc one st at each end of row
- ❑ Row 3: p
- ❑ Rep Rows 2-3 once more. 11 sts
- ❑ Work ten rows in st st
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until there are seven sts
- ❑ P one row
- ❑ Cast off

### To make up

#### TAIL

Fold piece in half and sew side seams, leaving base open. Stuff firmly

#### FLIPPERS

Fold piece in half lengthways and sew seam

#### TOP FIN

Fold piece in half, stitch side seams and leave base open. Stuff firmly

#### BODY

Join seam of main piece. This runs underneath Body, leaving

tail end open to stuff. Stuff firmly, pushing stuffing up into nose end first, then stuff head, shaping as you do. Remember dolphins have large heads! Sew an eye base on either side of head. Push safety eyes through Eye base, click into place. Embroider eyebrows and mouth using black DK yarn. Flatten Tail end of Body a little. Push this part inside Tail fin, pin in place, add more stuffing if needed. Sew Tail fin in place. Starting at centre of wide end of Tail, run a gathering thread from centre to base, draw up to give shape to Tail, giving it a shallow v-shape, and secure with a few stitches at base. Sew seams on Flippers, add a little stuffing to give shape. Gather in tops, then sew to Body on either side. Pin Top fin in place on Body, pull Fin backwards as you do, stitch in place on either side. To assemble Glasses, sew Rims into a circle. Pin Lens in place on to back of circle, ease to fit onto Rim neatly. Sew in place. Sew Centre of the glasses between two rims to form bridge of

Glasses. Sew a side piece on to either side, bending ends to form part that would go over ears. Sew star buttons all around Rims and large gold star on to Centre of glasses. Stitch in place on head. Using brightly coloured yarns, embroider flowers in random areas on Body **LK**

## coming next issue

### JANE BURNS' ADORABLE BABY HAT

July issue of Let's Knit on sale Friday 6th June







THE  
WOMEN'S  
INSTITUTE

WOOL & YARN

exclusive



EXCLUSIVELY

*available from*

**hobbycraft**

INSTORE - ONLINE - CLICK & COLLECT

*hobbycraft.co.uk*

\*3 for 2 mix and match on all yarns; cheapest item free

3 for 2





#### DAY TRIPPER

**Step out in style.** We love this vintage-style crocheted cardigan from Sirdar, made in Calico DK. Leaflet 7012, for stockists: **01924 231682**, [www.sirdar.co.uk](http://www.sirdar.co.uk)



#### SHOE PEOPLE

**Put your best foot forward.** Suitable for sand and surf, jelly shoes are making a comeback. £10, [www.linzi.com](http://www.linzi.com)



#### DIG FOR VICTORY

**Relive childhood days.** You should never be without your bucket and spade on a trip to the beach. Spade, £2.95, vintage girl's bucket, £5.95, **0208 746 2473**, [www.dotcomgiftshop.com](http://www.dotcomgiftshop.com)

#### PICTURE PERFECT

**Try intarsia colourwork.** How impressive is Denny Gould's beach hut cushion? She's even selling the pattern so you can make your own! £2.99, [www.iknitdesigns.com](http://www.iknitdesigns.com)



#### SUN SAFE

**Cover up this summer.** Keep cool in this crocheted sun hat with pretty daisy trim. £4, [www.primark.com](http://www.primark.com)



## At the SEASIDE

This cheerful selection will bring back childhood memories of trips to the beach

**Y**ou never get too old to appreciate a visit to the coast and our pick of knitty and non-crafty treats will have you pining for deck chairs and sandcastles. We adore Denny Gould's vibrant beach hut cushion, and you can even knit your own ice creams thanks to The Little Knit Kit Company. For your next project, why not opt for cool cotton yarns that come in fantastic summery shades? And don't forget your bucket and spade!

#### SHADY LADY

**Show your wild side.** Stand out from the crowd in these fabulous sunglasses. £14, **0844 880 3173**, [www.accessorize.com](http://www.accessorize.com)



#### SWEET TREATS

**Indulge in guilt-free goodies.** The Little Knit Kit Company's vintage ice creams look good enough to eat. The kit makes a classic 99 and a retro lolly. £15, [www.thelittleknitkitcompany.co.uk](http://www.thelittleknitkitcompany.co.uk)



#### SUNDAE SHADES

**Choose cool cotton.** This natural fibre is perfect for summer and Drops Paris is an aran weight yarn that comes in a rainbow of 45 colours. £1.79 per 50g (75m) ball, **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)



#### SEA LIFE

**Get trimming.** This pretty beach hut and seagull ribbon would be a charming finishing touch to your knits. £4, **0845 130 8229**, [www.tch.net](http://www.tch.net)





LET'S KNIT ACCESSORY PATTERNS

# Woolacombe is a fun beach bag and sunglasses case set from *Nicola Valiji*

Bags need to be strong and durable, so this fabulous design is knitted in kitchen string! It really elevates this everyday household object into something stylish and practical. You can use it exactly as you would any other yarn, and because it's cotton, it will hold its shape well. The beach huts are knitted in a colourful acrylic yarn – feel free to experiment with different shades.

START KNITTING ON P18

EASY &  
**PRACTICAL**  
PROJECT



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Bag:** 40cm wide x 30cm tall x

19cm deep

**Straps:** 45cm

**Sunglasses case:** 9cm x 18cm

## KNIT KIT

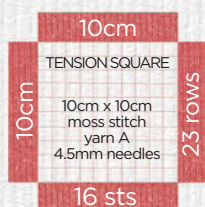
**Yarn:** (A) Wilkinson's Kitchen String, 15 x 40m balls, (B) Sirdar Wash 'n' Wear Double Crepe DK, shade 278 Cherry, (C) shade 200 Buttercup, (D) shade 239 Cream, (E) shade 202 Powder Blue, (F) shade 370 Brown, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 4.5mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Stitch markers**

**Buttons:** small, brown, 1.5cm, three



## ABOUT THE YARN

This bag is knitted in regular household string, which is similar to an aran weight yarn.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**Wendy Craft Cotton** is a pure cotton that comes in white or a natural shade. Just five balls would be required in this yarn.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**Kitchen string costs 50p per 40m ball from 0800 032 9329, [www.wilkinsonplus.com](http://www.wilkinsonplus.com)**



**Sirdar Wash 'n' Wear Double Crepe DK costs £2.55 per 50g (135m) ball from 0845 576 0007, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)**

**For 10% off all orders at LoveKnitting, turn to page 11**

**Wendy Craft Cotton costs £2.49 per 50g (147m) ball from 0800 488 0708, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)**

**For 10% off all orders at Deramores, turn to the back cover**



## START KNITTING HERE

### BAG

#### FRONT AND BACK (ALIKE)

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 65 sts

□ Row 1: (k1, p1) to last st, k1

This row sets moss st

□ Work in moss st until piece meas 30cm

Pm at each end of last row

□ Next row (RS): (k2, p1) to last two sts, k2

□ Next row: (p2, k1) to last two sts, p2

Last two rows set rib

□ Rep last two rows until rib meas 6cm

Pm at each end of last row

□ Cont in rib for another 6cm

□ Cast off in rib

### Gusset

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 26 sts

□ Work in rib as for Front and Back until work meas 6cm

Pm at each end of last row

□ Cont in rib for another 6cm, ending after a WS row

Pm at each end of last row

□ Next row (RS): (k1, p1) to end

□ Next row (WS): (p1, k1) to end

Last two rows set moss st

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 100cm long from beg of moss st

□ Work in rib as before until rib

meas 6cm

Pm at each end of row

□ Cont in rib for another 6cm

□ Cast off in rib

### Handle

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

□ Row 1: (p1, wyib sl 1 pwise) four times, p1, k1

□ Row 2: (k1, wyif sl 1 pwise) four times, k1, p1

□ Rep last two rows until

Handle meas 270cm

□ Cast off kwise

### To make up

Lightly press all pieces to prevent curling. On Front and Back, fold ribbed edge over to front of bag from cast-off edge to first set of markers. Second set of markers will now be at top edge. Sew in place along top of moss stitch row. For gusset, fold ribbed edges as for Front and Back of bag, sew in place. Pin Gusset and sides of bag from top front right edge down to bottom right corner, pin along cast-on edge of bag to left bottom corner, then pin up side to left top corner. Sew in place

### ATTACHING HANDLE

Stitch ends of handles together to make a long loop. Lay loop out flat and position base of bag halfway along

loop. Pin handles up front and back of bag, 10cm in from edges. Leave equal amounts at tops for straps. Sew in place up sides and along base

### Beach huts (make one in yarns B and D, one in yarns C and D, and one in yarns E and D)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 30 sts in yarns B, C or E

□ K two rows

Change to yarn D

□ K two rows

□ Cont in garter st (k every row) and two-row stripe patt

as set until 58 rows have been worked

Change to yarn F

□ Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st

□ Next row: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 28 sts

□ Next row: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. 26 sts

□ Rep last two rows until four sts rem

□ Next row: (p2tog) twice. Two sts

□ Next row: skpo. One st

□ Fasten off

### Door (make three)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn F, cast on 13 sts

**NOTE:** this is top of door

□ K two rows

□ Beg with a p row, work in st st until piece meas 9cm

□ Cast off



## Lifebuoy (make three)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn D, cast on ten sts  
 □ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st  
 Change to yarn B  
 □ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st  
 □ Rep last four rows until 28 rows have been worked  
 □ Cast off

## To make up

Sew Beach huts together so they are in a row. Sew doors in middle of striped area starting 0.5cm from bottom of beach hut. Add three small buttons to middle right-hand side of doors for doorknobs. Attach row of Beach huts to middle of bag as shown. Sew row-ends of Lifebuoy together, then join cast-on and cast-off edges to form a ring. Sew to Beach huts in centre of roof

## SUNGLASSES CASE

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 30 sts  
 □ Row 1: (k2, p1) to end  
 □ Row 2: (k1, p2) to end  
 These two rows set 2x1 rib  
 □ Rep last two rows until rib meas 3cm  
 □ Next row: (k1, p1) to end  
 □ Next row: (p1, k1) to end  
 These two rows set moss st  
 □ Rep last two rows until case meas 18cm from cast-on edge  
 □ Cast off in moss st

## Mini beach huts

(make one in yarns B and D, and one in yarns E and D)  
 Using 3.25mm needles and either yarn B or E, cast on 12 sts  
 □ K two rows  
 Change to yarn D  
 □ K two rows  
 □ Rep last four rows until 20 rows have been worked  
 Change to yarn F  
 □ Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st  
 □ Next row: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 18 sts  
 □ Next row: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. 16 sts  
 □ Rep last two rows until four sts rem, ending after a WS row  
 □ Next row: (k2tog) twice. Two sts  
 □ Next row: sl 1, p1, psso. One st  
 □ Fasten off

## Door

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn F, cast on four sts  
 □ Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st  
 □ Cast off

## To make up

Fold case in half and sew

bottom and side seam. Sew beach huts to front of case and add doors. Make a twisted cord that is long enough to hang inside the bag. Attach one end to case, loop the cord around one bag strap, then secure the other end to the case **LK**



*"Nautical is a huge homewares trend and these colourful beach hut motifs could also be applied to cushion covers."*

**LK DEPUTY EDITOR** ADRIENNE CHANDLER



*coming next issue*

**JANE BURN'S EASY KNITTED BUNTING**

July issue of Let's Knit on sale Friday 6th June

## knitwise

**SEW SIMPLE:** When making up the bag, stitch your three beach hut motifs together so they are all in a row. This will make it easier to sew them on to the bag. Place the bag on a flat surface before you sew on the row of beach huts, as this will help the embellishment lay flat on the fabric of the bag.



The sunglasses case is securely attached around the handle of the bag, so you'll always know where to find your sunnies!



# Inspiration STATION

Our round-up of what's  
hot in the knitting  
universe

## Tea-wit twoo!

*We absolutely adore this owl teacosy kit from The Little Knit Kit Company, complete with birch KnitPro needles and beautifully soft yarn. Fits a large teapot. One kit costs £22.*  
[www.thelittleknitkitcompany.co.uk](http://www.thelittleknitkitcompany.co.uk)



## Baby grannies

Why limit yourself to pale pinks and powder blues when knitting for babies? This bright and cheerful granny-square blanket uses the wonderfully soft Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK to create a memorable piece which will be treasured for years to come. Rico Knitting Idea Compact 246 also includes two more baby blanket patterns, and costs £2.59 from **0800 505 3300**,  
[www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)



## Au Naturelle

Here at LK we have a passion for British yarns, so we were delighted to discover Strathearn Fleece and Fibre, found on Culdees Farm in Muthill, Scotland. The 100% natural yarn is spun from the farm's own sheep, and is sold in lace to superchunky weights. If you're lucky, you may get to meet the sheep for yourself, as the farm is open to visitors two days a week! Visit [www.strathearnfleeceandfibre.co.uk](http://www.strathearnfleeceandfibre.co.uk) for more information, or call **01764 681598**.

The Knit Parade by  
Rebecca Rymza  
Photo: Helen  
Kirkbright



## Pretty picture

Anova Books is releasing several craft titles in ebook format, available to download from Amazon Kindle, Apple iStore, Nook and Google Play. So you can now keep patterns like the brilliant Picture This jumper with you wherever you go! Other titles include Quilt Me!, Gentle Art of Quilt-Making, Complete Feltmaking, and the One Direction Knitting Pattern exclusive by Carol Meldrum.  
[www.lovecrafts.co.uk](http://www.lovecrafts.co.uk)



## Did you know?

The English practice of 'throwing the yarn' was originally taught to Victorian ladies as a more 'dignified' knitting posture than traditional methods!

## Silky smooth

Debbie Bliss Simply Silk is a brand new collection using the gorgeous Luxury Silk DK yarn. It features three garment projects with elegant stitch patterns, such as this fantastic Lace and Rib Cardigan. There are also two stunning light scarves, for quick and stylish summer knitting.

01535 664222,

[www.designeryarns.uk.com](http://www.designeryarns.uk.com)



## Ready for a yarn crawl?

If you live near Edinburgh, make sure you don't miss the Indie Burgh Yarn Crawl on June 21st! The event will celebrate three of the city's newest independent shops: Ginger



Twist Studio, Kathy's Knits and Be Inspired Fibres. Get your yarn passport from a participating store, and use it for exclusive goodies and discounts all day long! [www.gingertwiststudio.com](http://www.gingertwiststudio.com), [www.kathysknits.co.uk](http://www.kathysknits.co.uk), [www.beinspiredfibres.com](http://www.beinspiredfibres.com)

## Happy hands

*Benecos Hand Cream is a non-greasy and anti-inflammatory natural formula which is great for protecting hardworking hands.*

*Hand Cream costs £2.95 and the anti-ageing Day Cream Q10 costs £5.95 from 01557 870266, [www.benecos.co.uk](http://www.benecos.co.uk)*



## Charity of the Month

### Project Linus

Project Linus - named after the beloved Peanuts character - was founded in the 1990s, when the arrival of the internet allowed charitable knitters to begin organising themselves into groups. The comfort and security provided by a handmade blanket is unparalleled, and the Linus project aims to provide these to traumatised babies, children and teenagers. The donations required depend on the needs of your local chapters, so be sure to get in touch with your nearest coordinator. You can find their contact information on the Project Linus website, along with patterns for incredible no-sew blankets. Visit [www.projectlinusuk.org.uk](http://www.projectlinusuk.org.uk) or email [projectlinusuk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:projectlinusuk@hotmail.co.uk).



## Take note

This personalised A6 notebook is ideal for keeping track of your notes and patterns. We're giving away five notebooks in this issue (see page 77) but if you can't wait, quote KN78F5 at the checkout for an exclusive 25% discount. One book costs £9 from 0117 360 1181, [www.madebyellis.com](http://www.madebyellis.com)







Wondersoft  
double knitting

Model wearing pattern 8940

For your nearest stockist  
telephone 01535 609798

Stay up-to-date   [www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)



Stylecraft

*discover, create and enjoy*





**VIBRANT**  
SUMMER  
ACCESSORY!

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE HOMEWARES PATTERN

# *Alfresco* is a set of oh-so-healthy tablecloth weights by *Helen Ardley*

We all know how important it is to get our five-a-day, so what better way to do so than to knit them yourself?

Don't actually eat them though – they would taste all yarny! This cheery little collection of fruit and veg can be clipped on to the corners of a table cloth to stop it flapping up while you dine alfresco this summer. Whether you're eating breakfast in the garden, hosting a barbecue or simply enjoying an evening meal on the patio, Alfresco is a handy little trick and a delightful decoration at the same time!

START KNITTING ON P24



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Strawberry:** 7cm x 4cm (with stalk)

**Carrot:** 8cm x 2cm

**Peas:** 8cm x 2cm

**Grapes:** bunch: 8cm x 6cm, single grape: 3cm x 2cm

**Lemon:** 8cm x 4cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** DMC Natura Just Cotton, (A) shade 23 Passion, (B) shade 47 Safran, (C) shade 83 Blé, (D) shade 48 Chartreuse, (E) shade 13 Pistache, (F) shade 33 Amaranto, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.25mm

**Small crocodile clips**

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Sewing needle and thread**

**Sand or rice**

**Fabric**

## ABOUT THE YARN

### DMC Natura Just Cotton

is 100% combed cotton thread with a matt finish. The long regular fibres give it softness and strength with a quality that is a pleasure to knit with. It is made up of eight strands of cotton and is the thickness of 4ply.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**Bergere de France Coton Fifty** is a 50/50 cotton/acrylic blend that is ideal for any summer projects. It can be machine washed and is available in a wide range of fresh colours.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**DMC Natura Cotton** costs £3.59 per 50g (155m) ball from 0800 488 0708, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

**For 10% off all orders at Deramores, turn to outside back cover**



**Bergere de France Coton Fifty** costs £2.99 per 50g (140m) ball from 01829 740903, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)



## START KNITTING HERE

### Strawberry

**NOTE:** letters following instructions indicate correct yarn shade

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on four sts  
 □ Row 1: (kfb) to end. Eight sts  
 □ Rows 2 and 4: p  
 □ Row 3: k1, \* m1, k1, rep from \* to end. 15 sts  
 □ Row 5: k1, \* m1, k1, rep from \* to end. 29 sts  
 □ Rows 6-10: beg with a p row, work in st st  
 Join in yarn E and work as folls:

□ Row 11: k2 A, k1 E, \* k3 A, k1 E, rep from \* to last two sts, k2 A  
 □ Row 12: p2 A, p1 E, \* p3 A, p1 E, rep from \* to last two sts, p2 A  
 □ Row 13: k1 A, \* k2 E, k2 A, rep from \* to end  
 □ Row 14: \* p2 A, p2 E, rep from \* to last st, p1 A  
 Cont in yarn E only  
 □ Row 15: \* k2, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1. 22 sts  
 □ Row 16: (p2tog) to end. 11 sts  
 □ Row 17: k1, (k2tog) to end. Six sts  
 □ Row 18: (p2tog) to end. Three sts  
 □ Work six rows in st st  
 □ Next row: sl 1, k2tog, psso. One st  
 □ Fasten off

### Carrot

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, cast on two sts  
 □ Row 1: (kfb) to end. Four sts  
 □ Rows 2 and 4: p  
 □ Row 3: k1, \* m1, k1, rep from \* to end. Seven sts  
 □ Row 5: k1, \* m1, k2, rep from \* to end. Ten sts  
 □ Beg with a p row, work in st st for five rows  
 □ Next row: k1, m1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k2, m1, k1. 14 sts  
 □ Beg with a p row, work in st st for 15 rows  
 □ Next row: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts  
 □ Next row: (p1, p2tog) to end. Four sts  
 □ Next row: (k2tog) to end. Two sts  
 □ Next row: p2tog. One st  
 □ Fasten off

### Lemon

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on two sts  
 □ Row 1: (kfb) to end. Four sts  
 □ Row 2 and every alt row: p  
 □ Row 3: k1, \* m1, k1, rep from \* to end. Seven sts  
 □ Row 5: k1, \* m1, k1, rep from \* to end. 13 sts  
 □ Row 7: k1, \* m1, k1, rep from \* to end. 25 sts  
 □ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st  
 □ Row 15: k2, (k2tog, k3) four times, k2tog, k1. 20 sts  
 □ Row 16 and every alt row: p  
 □ Row 17: k1, (k2tog, k2) four times, k2tog, k1. 15 sts

□ Row 19: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) four times, k1. Ten sts  
 □ Row 21: (k2tog) to end. Five sts  
 □ Row 23: (k2tog) twice, k1. Three sts  
 □ Row 24: (p2tog), p1. Two sts  
 □ Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### Grapes (make eight)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn F, cast on three sts  
 □ Row 1: (kfb) three times. Six sts  
 □ Rows 2 and 4: p  
 □ Row 3: k1, m1, k2, m1, k2, m1, k1. Nine sts  
 □ Row 5: k1, \* m1, k2, rep from \* to end. 13 sts  
 □ Beg with a k row, work five rows in st st  
 □ Next row: k1, (k2tog) to end. Seven sts  
 □ Next row: p1, (p2tog) to end. Four sts  
 □ Next row: (k2tog) twice  
 □ Next row: pass first st over second and off needle. One st  
 □ Fasten off

### Leaves (make three for Grapes in yarn D, and one for Lemon in yarn E)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on three sts  
 □ Row 1 and every alt row: p  
 □ Row 2: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1. Five sts  
 □ Row 4: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts



- ❑ Row 6: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3.  
Nine sts
- ❑ Work three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: sl 1, k1, pssso, k to  
last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts
- ❑ Next row: p
- ❑ Rep last two rows until three  
sts rem
- ❑ Next row: sl 1, k2tog, pssso.  
One st
- ❑ Fasten off

## Peas

### POD

Using 3.25mm needles and  
yarn D, cast on three sts

- ❑ Row 1: (kfb) three  
times. Six sts
- ❑ Row 2: p
- ❑ Row 3: k1, m1, k4, m1,  
k1. Eight sts
- ❑ Work in st st until work  
meas 7cm
- ❑ Next row: (k2tog) to  
end. Four sts
- ❑ Next row: (p2tog) to  
end. Two sts
- ❑ Next row: k2tog. One st
- ❑ Fasten off

### PEAS (make five)

Using 3.25mm needles and  
yarn E, cast on three sts

- ❑ Row 1: (kfb) three times.  
Six sts
- ❑ Starting with a p row, work  
three rows in st st
- ❑ Next row: (k2tog) to end.  
Three sts
- ❑ Next row: sl 1, p2tog,  
pssso. One st
- ❑ Fasten off

## To make up STRAWBERRY

Using yarn C, Swiss darn seeds  
randomly over Strawberry.

Using mattress stitch, sew  
seam up, leaving a small gap.  
Stuff strawberry, insert  
weighted pouch (see Knitwise)  
and sew rest of the seam

### CARROT

Sew up seam using mattress  
stitch, leaving a small gap.  
Stuff carrot, insert weighted  
pouch, then sew up gap. Using  
yarn D, sew long strands to top  
of carrot. When you have a full  
carrot top, split the strands

### LEMON

Sew up seam using  
mattress stitch, stuff lemon,  
insert weighted pouch, then  
sew up gap. Attach leaf to top  
of lemon

## knitwise

**PULL YOUR WEIGHT** To give  
Alfresco some weight, fill  
each item with sand or rice.

To keep the rice from  
escaping between the  
stitches, sew it into a little  
fabric bag made of  
lightweight cotton or some  
tights fabric. Pad the fabric  
bag with a little bit of stuffing  
before inserting it into item.

### GRAPES AND LEAVES

Sew each grape together using  
mattress stitch, leaving a gap.  
Stuff grape, insert weighted  
pouch, then sew up gap. Sew  
together all grapes to give a  
bunch of grapes. Attach three  
leaves to top of bunch

### PEAS

Sew up all peas, adding a small  
amount of stuffing and rice in  
to middle of each. Sew up one  
end of pod and sew peas in to  
middle, then sew up other end  
of pod

### ALL WEIGHTS

Add a clip to top of each piece  
of fruit or veg **LK**





## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Mat:** 13cm diameter

**Napkin ring:** 14cm circumference  
x 6cm wide

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** (A) Velvet Pink, one 15g ball,  
(B) Golden Honey, one 35g ball,  
FREE with this issue of LK  
**Needles:** 4mm straight, 4mm  
double-pointed, set of four  
**Buttons:** two



## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**Picot cast off:** cast on two sts at beg  
of rnd, \* cast off four sts, sl rem st  
back on to LH needle, cast on two  
sts, rep from \* to last st, fasten off

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88

## ABOUT THE YARN

This yarn was produced  
exclusively for Let's Knit and is  
unavailable to buy separately. It  
is an acrylic yarn that knits to a  
DK tension. We recommend  
washing by hand to preserve  
your knits.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**Sirdar Snuggly DK** is a soft blend  
of 55% nylon and 45% acrylic. It  
can be machine washed but you  
may then have to re-block your  
mat to get the picot points  
looking sharp. Shades 426 Gold  
and 437 Cherry Pie would be  
good substitutes.

**Let's  
Knit  
SHOP**



**Sirdar Snuggly DK costs**  
**£2.99 per 50g (165m)**  
**ball from**  
**www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk**



*"Try using  
spray starch  
to get the  
picot points  
of your mat looking  
nice and sharp."*

**LK DESIGNER** JANE BURNS



**MAKE  
THESE  
TONIGHT**

## LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE HOMEWARES PATTERNS

# Splendour

offers *alternative*  
suggestions for your  
*free yarn kit*

Designed by Jane Burns, these quick and easy home  
knits will add a splash of colour to your dining table  
and a crafty finishing touch to your romantic meal.

The full set is knitted using your FREE yarn kit. For  
more guidance on the picot cast-off used on the mat,  
turn to page 49.

## START KNITTING HERE

### NAPKIN RING

(make two pieces per ring)

Using 4mm straight needles,  
backward loop method and  
yarn A, cast on 45 sts

□ Row 1: \* k1, cast off three sts  
[one st after gap on RH

needle], rep from \* to  
end. 18 sts

□ Row 2: \* k1, cast on one st,  
k1, rep from \* to last st. 27 sts

□ Row 3: k

Change to yarn B

□ Beg with a k row, work four  
rows in st st

Leave sts on needle ready  
for grafting

## To make up

When you have completed two  
pieces, use Kitchener stitch  
(p91) to graft both pieces  
together. Weave in ends and  
join side seams to form ring.  
Add buttons for decoration

## MAT

Using 4mm dpns and yarn B,  
cast on eight sts  
Distribute sts over three  
needles, join into the rnd taking  
care not to twist

□ Rnds 1-2: k

□ Rnd 3: \* k1, m1, rep from \* to  
end. 16 sts

□ Rnds 4-6: k

□ Rnd 7: as Rnd 3. 32 sts

□ Rnds 8-11: k

□ Rnd 12: as Rnd 3. 64 sts

□ Rnds 13-15: k

Change to yarn A

□ Rnd 16: k

□ Cast off using picot cast-off  
(see Special abbreviations)

## To make up

Sew running stitch around  
cast-on stitches, pull tight to  
gather centre of Mat. Sew in  
ends and block **LK**



**Everything  
£2.99 or less!**

**KNITTY KNITTY**  
*bang bang*

[www.knittyknittybangbang.co.uk](http://www.knittyknittybangbang.co.uk)



We are now stocking Debbie Bliss, Sirdar, Rowan and Berge de France yarns. Design felt and Tilda material. Extensive range of rubber stamps e.g. Molly Bloom, Magnolia, Hero Arts. Hundreds of 12x12 papers. Die cutting machines, Spell Binder, Memory Box. A large selection of punches.

FOR ALL YOUR CARDMAKING, SCRAPBOOKING & ALTERED ART SUPPLIES  
The Craft Box, Elsecar Heritage Centre, Wath Road, Elsecar, Barnsley, S74 8HJ.  
Tel/Fax: 01226 350532 [www.thecraftbox.biz](http://www.thecraftbox.biz)



*The Dropped Stitch*

A Family Owned, Family Run Business Since 1985

Stocking James C. Brett, Katia, King Cole, Peter Pan, Woolcraft, Wendy Yarns, Jenny Watson yarns and patterns.

Knitting Patterns, Needles and Accessories, Crochet Yarn, Patterns and Hooks, Haberdashery, Hand Knitted Items and DMC threads.

Also stocking new scarf yarns: Woolcraft Tango and Desire, Katia Ondas, Triana and Triana Lux



Hand made earrings

Exclusive  
Patterns

**01273 424529**

**[www.thedroppedstitch.co.uk](http://www.thedroppedstitch.co.uk)**

113/115 Victoria Road, Portslade, East Sussex, BN41 1XD.



**Over 4000 yarns in stock**

ROWAN

RICO  
DESIGN

BERGERE  
de France

SIRDAR  
knitting made fashionable

DROPS Design

Debbie Bliss

Stylecraft

artessano

Patons

100g  
DK  
Sale!

**£1.69 per ball!**

Over 100 different colours of Stylecraft Special DK and Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK in stock. All just £1.69 per 100g ball

**Creative Cotton  
Just £1.79 a ball**

We stock every single colour that Rico produce. Probably the biggest range of Rico yarns in the UK!

RICO  
DESIGN

DROPS  
STORE

**DROPS**

We are the largest stockist of DROPS yarn in the UK! Massive selection in stock from just £1.40 per ball!

**Patterns & Books  
Needles & Hooks**

Thousands of knitting and crochet patterns, needles, hooks, buttons and accessories in stock!

**[www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)**

**10%  
OFF**  
VOUCHER  
CODE  
LK80

No minimum order  
Free UK delivery on orders over £25  
£2.95 delivery for orders under £25  
Website: [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)  
Email: [yarn@woolwarehouse.co.uk](mailto:yarn@woolwarehouse.co.uk)  
Telephone: 01926 882 818  
Freephone: 0800 505 3300



king  
cole



THE QUEEN'S AWARDS  
FOR ENTERPRISE:  
2012

Pattern  
3885



**8 EXCITING NEW SHADES IN OPIUM**

Contact: King Cole Ltd, Merrie Mills, Elliott St, Silsden, West Yorkshire, BD20 0DE

Website: [www.kingcole.co.uk](http://www.kingcole.co.uk)

Tel: 01535 650230, Fax: 01535 650240, Email: [enquiries@kingcole.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@kingcole.co.uk)





QUICK  
HOLIDAY  
MAKES!

LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE ACCESSORIES PATTERN

# *Chania* is a *Greek-* *inspired* passport holder and luggage tag by *Lucinda Ganderton*

Are you dreaming of a romantic summer getaway? It's often the anticipation in the weeks leading up to a holiday that can help make the final event so special. Why not get yourself in the mood with this matching luggage set? Not only do they look great, but they'll make the most stressful part of a holiday - the airport - a delight! Your bags will stand out from the crowd, and there's no chance of losing your passport with such a funky case.

START KNITTING ON P30



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Passport holder:** Height: 14cm

**Width:** 10cm

**Luggage tag:** Height: 13cm

**Width:** 9cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Rico Essentials Cotton DK, (A) shade 72 Red Brick, (B) shade 40 Dark Teal, (C) shade 86 Pistachio, one 50g ball of each

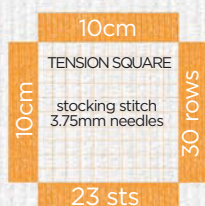
**Needles:** 3.75mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Clear plastic document folder** (for luggage tag)

**Double-sided tape:** 1cm wide

**Stitch holder**



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Rico Essentials Cotton DK** is a 100% mercerised cotton which is available in a delightful palette of summertime shades. It is machine washable at 30°C.

**Need an alternative yarn?** Patons 100% Cotton DK comes in 100g balls, and is made from 100% mercerised cotton, which gives it a lovely sheen. Choose from a fantastic range of colours.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



Rico Essentials Cotton DK costs £2.89 per 50g (130m) ball from 0800 488 0708, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)



Patons 100% Cotton DK costs £4.19 per 100g (210m) ball from [www.purplelindacrafts.com](http://www.purplelindacrafts.com)



## START KNITTING HERE

### PASSPORT HOLDER Back

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on 26 sts

- Rows 1-2: k
- Rows 3-39: beg with a k row, work in st st
- Row 40: k

### FRONT

- Rows 41-76: beg with a k row, work Chart A in st st
- Cut yarns A and C and cont in yarn B only
- Rows 77: k
- Cast off pwise

### To make up

Weave in loose ends. Press lightly and fold in half with the wrong side facing inwards. Mattress stitch side edges together

### LUGGAGE TAG Back

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 20 sts

- Work Chart B as follows:
- Row 1: (k1, p1) to end
- Row 2: (p1, k1) to end
- Rows 1-2 set moss st
- Rows 3-4: rep Rows 1-2
- Join in yarn C
- Rows 5-6: k
- Rows 7-10: work in st st
- Rows 11-12: k
- Cont as set, working Fair Isle

CHART A

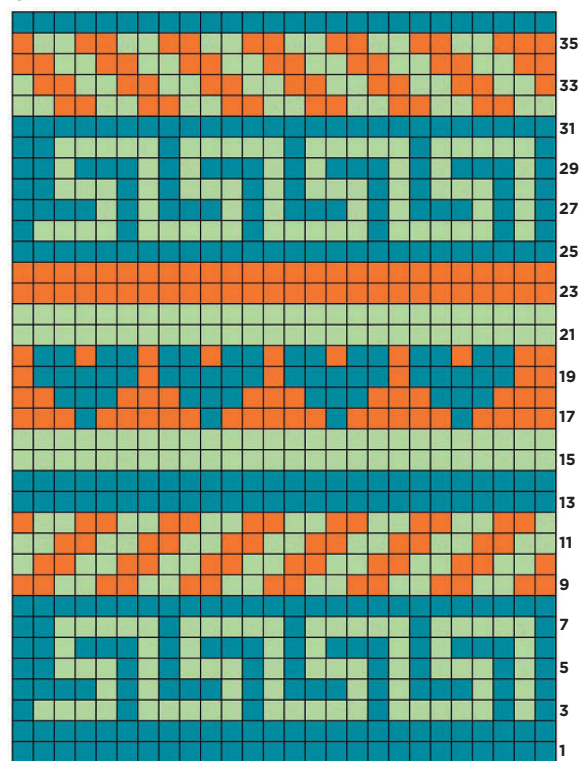
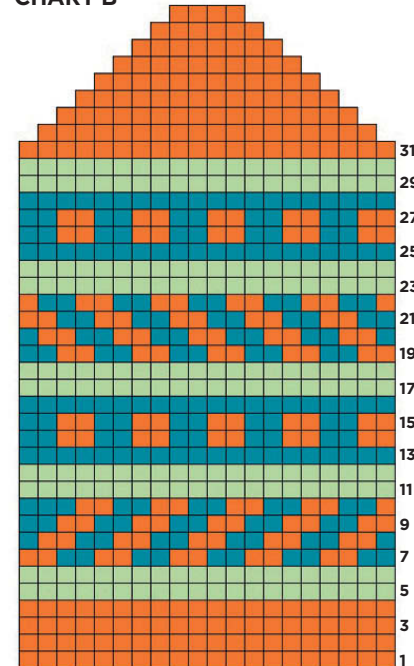


CHART B



### Key

Yarn A Yarn B Yarn C





in st st, and yarn C in garter st until Row 30

- ❑ Work in moss st dec one st at beg and end of each row until four sts rem
- ❑ Cast off

## Front

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 20 sts

- ❑ Work 30 rows in st st
- ❑ Work eight rows in moss stitch dec one st at beg and end of each row
- ❑ Cast off

around and fix it behind window with double-sided tape. Layer all three pieces with Back face down, Front face up and window face up

on top. Fold tie in half and slip under top edge. Pin three pieces together, trapping loop on tie, and oversew together with matching thread. Knot ends of tie **LK**

## Pocket

- ❑ Work as for Back until Row 4

## RIGHT EDGE

- ❑ Work four sts in moss st, place next 16 sts on to holder
- ❑ Work 28 rows in moss st, place sts on to holder and cut yarn
- Sl 16 sts on holder on to LH needle
- ❑ Cast off 13 sts
- ❑ Work on rem four sts in moss st for 28 rows
- ❑ Next row: moss 4, cast on 12 sts, moss 4 from holder
- ❑ Work four more rows in moss st
- ❑ Cast off

## Tie

- Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 50 sts
- ❑ Cast off
- ❑ Weave in ends

## To make up

Cut a rectangle of plastic 1cm larger than Front window all



*“Your bag will always stand out at baggage reclaim when it’s labelled with this bright knitted luggage tag.”*

**LK DESIGNER** LUCINDA GANDERTON



## knitwise

### FEELING STRANDED?

Stranded colourwork is not just confined to cosy Nordic and Fair Isle sweaters. The technique can create all kinds of accessories into a dazzling work of art, and what could be more summery than these Grecian patterns? When changing colours mid-row, always make sure you keep which shades are passed above and underneath each other consistent. For example, the most dominant shade is usually passed underneath, creating a neater finish. On Row 3 of Chart A, for example, this would be the Pistachio-coloured yarn (Yarn C).



# JEWELS OF THE South West

Discover the wonderful delights this area has to offer !




Specialising in exciting, unusual and natural yarns from around the world



26 Fore St, Bovey Tracey, Devon  
TQ13 9AD  
Tel: 01626 836203  
[www.spinayarndevon.co.uk](http://www.spinayarndevon.co.uk)



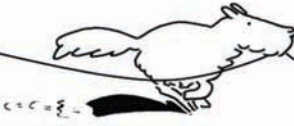
**the little wool company**

**Baby's first Gift basket**  
Coming with a mini baby crib, our gorgeous Chilla Valley Alpaca yarn, Dylan baby hat and mittens pattern plus delicate Eucalan soak wash, all for just £15.00!

Create a personal gift with a difference.

Available from  
[www.thelittlewoolcompany.com](http://www.thelittlewoolcompany.com) 01409 221699

**Mandy Wools**




**Traditional Wool Shop and Haberdashery**

We Stock Yarns and Patterns From:

Adriaafil,	Debbie Bliss,
James C Brett,	Jenny Watson,
Katia,	King Cole,
Opal	Sirdar
Stylecraft,	Tivoli,
Wendy,	Woolcraft.

We also stock a large range of ribbons, bindings, braids, zips, buttons and hundreds of other items.

[Visit Us Online](http://www.mandywools.co.uk)  
[www.mandywools.co.uk](http://www.mandywools.co.uk)  
**Or in our Shop**  
5 Mill Street, Wells, BA5 2AS  
01749 677548



# Get Knitted

...for all your knitting & crochet needs



**Stockists of**  
Rowan, King Cole,  
Stylecraft, Rico,  
KnitPro + more

**Yarns, books,  
needles, hooks  
and more**

**In store loyalty  
scheme**

**Amazing  
workshops**

Kit only £14.80!

**Open Monday-Friday 9.30-5.00**  
**Saturday 10.00-5.00**  
**39 Brislington Hill, Bristol BS4 5BE**  
**0117 300 5211 [www.getknitted.com](http://www.getknitted.com)**

# UK Alpaca Ltd

## Gorgeous Knits for Spring

Designed for UK Alpaca's yarns by Chrissy Smith. Our alpaca yarns are an all British product made from the fleeces of alpacas bred in Britain.




Visit our website [www.ukalpaca.com](http://www.ukalpaca.com) to buy the yarn and the patterns. Wholesale enquiries welcome.

**For more information contact**  
**Chas Brooke or Rachel Hebditch**  
**on 01884 243579 or**  
**[rachel@alpaca-uk.co.uk](mailto:rachel@alpaca-uk.co.uk)**



UK Alpaca Ltd, Vulscombe Farm, Pennymoor, Tiverton, Devon EX16 8NB





# ON THE ROAD... *South West*

Join us on the Let's Knit road trip!

**T**he south west of England is one of the largest regions in the UK, spanning six counties with vastly diverse landscapes, from sandy beaches to dramatic moorland. The area has several major cities, including Bath, Bristol, Salisbury and Gloucester, not to mention many rural towns and villages. All of these locations are treasure troves of crafty goodness. Check out our pick of shops to find out more. Whether you're hugging the coast of Dorset, Cornwall and Devon, or exploring Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Somerset, this region has plenty to offer the travelling knitter.

## World of wool craft

Britain has a rich wool heritage that reached all corners of the country. Some archaeologists have suggested that the Beaker people, who are thought to have built Stonehenge, wore woollen clothes. This

shows that the fibre has been spun and woven for thousands of years. Whorls from handmade spindles have been found in Wiltshire dating back to the Iron Age.

During the 13th century, Dunster in Somerset was a centre for the wool trade. People across the region made their living through spinning wool and weaving. This thriving industry continued into the 17th century, leading to the building of a fine yarn market hall which can still be seen today.

*“Whorls from handmade spindles have been found in Wiltshire dating back to the Iron Age”*

After the Industrial Revolution, mills sprung up across the south west. Coldharbour Mill in Uffculme, Devon, started spinning wool over 200 years ago. In 1862, the mill switched from woollen to worsted spinning, which meant changing from water

to steam power. It finally ceased production in 1982, but reopened as a museum, preserving the Victorian machinery. Today, visitors can explore the old mill and see the machines in action. You can even buy your own traditionally spun wool from the shop. For further details, call **01884 840960** or visit [www.coldharbourmill.org.uk](http://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk)



The yarn market at Dunster



## A tall yarn?

Cornwall is well known for its picturesque coastal towns that not only look great, but have also developed a distinct style of knitwear. The traditional Cornish guernsey or gansey was knitted in a 5ply wool and featured rib and cable patterns, often inspired by nautical elements such as ropes and knots.

It has been rumoured that every family had a unique pattern to enable them to identify fishermen who were drowned at sea, although historians now claim that this is just a myth. However, the fisherman's sweater is a classic garment, and companies such as Frangipani still provide traditional wool and patterns for you to knit your own. Call **01736 366339** or visit [www.guernseywool.co.uk](http://www.guernseywool.co.uk)



and can be used for all sorts of projects from blankets to homewares. Both these yarns are available in natural shades, so why not experiment with dyeing the yarns to whichever colourway you like?

*"The Portland sheep, from Dorset, has become one of the country's rarest breeds"*

The yarn is spun in Launceston by Blacker Yarns' sister brand The Nature Fibre Company, which also spins fleeces for farmers around the country. In addition to the two south western breeds mentioned above, you can also find yarns from homegrown favourites, including Bluefaced Leicester, Romney, and Jacob, as well as a range of soft wool from the Falklands. There is also a selection of supporting patterns and ready-made wool accessories, homewares and gifts. For further details, call **01566 777635**, or go online at [www.blackeryarns.co.uk](http://www.blackeryarns.co.uk)



process as this exploits the natural properties of alpaca fibre, giving a smooth, strong yarn that shows off the natural brightness of the fibre," explains Rachel. As well as producing pure alpaca yarns, the brand also blends the fibre with British wool or silk to create different effects. Alpaca fleece comes in a great variety of natural shades, but also takes dye well so there are plenty of colourways to choose from. To find out more, call **01884 243579** or visit [www.ukalpaca.com](http://www.ukalpaca.com)

## Amazing alpaca

It's not just sheep breeds that thrive in this region; the number of British alpaca herds is increasing all the time. Originally from the Peruvian Andes, this member of the camelid family is a hardy species that is used to dramatic seasonal changes in climate. This adaptive nature, combined with the plentiful grasslands in Britain, means they are well suited to UK farms – and means we can enjoy the beautiful fleeces without worrying about yarn miles!

Rachel Hebditch and Chas Brooke of UK Alpaca have been breeding alpacas for 18 years, and keep over 200 animals at their farm in Tiverton, Devon. Farmers across the country can send their fleeces to UK Alpaca to be transformed into beautiful yarns. "All our yarns are spun using the worsted



## Home grown goodies

Get your hands on gorgeous British alpaca yarns at The Little Wool Company. This online shop sells yarn made from the fleeces of its own alpaca herd, Chilla Valley Alpacas, which is based in Devon. The yarns are available in four weights from 4ply to chunky, and come in natural and dyed colourways. Owner Ruth Strickley has designed patterns and kits to go alongside her own-brand yarns, including accessories, homewares and knits for children and babies. Ruth has also developed a range of homemade skincare products so you can pamper yourself when you're not knitting. Find out more at [www.thelittlewoolcompany.com](http://www.thelittlewoolcompany.com)



Rare Portland sheep are still found in Dorset

## Beautifully British

Based in Cornwall, Blacker Yarns specialises in British wool and stocks yarns from a wide range of breeds, including some rare varieties from the south west of England. Cotswold sheep are well recognised for their lustrous fleece, which has a natural golden tint. This has earned them the nickname the 'Cotswold Lion'. The fleece has a long staple, which gives it a subtle sheen.

The Portland sheep, from Dorset, has become one of the country's rarest breeds and is currently on the Rare Breeds Survival Trust's watch list. The yarn is really versatile



Stonehenge



Salisbury Cathedral



Polperro



# Shop 'til you drop!

This region has yarn stores galore. Here are a few great suggestions to help you get that knitty fix:

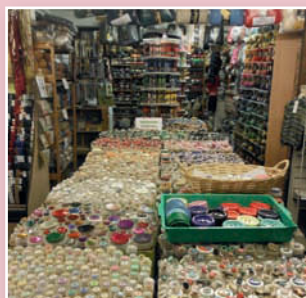
## Iriss of Penzance, Chapel Street, Penzance

Situated in the bustling seaside town of Penzance, Iriss supplies knitters with yarns from Rowan, Artesano and King Cole, plus traditional Guernsey 5ply wool, and yarn from other British breeds. There are also exclusive kits from shop founder Mariarosa Martin, plus tools and materials for tapestry, rugmaking and more. Call **01736 366568** or go to [www.iriss.co.uk](http://www.iriss.co.uk) to find out more.



## Mandy Wools, 5 Mill Street, Wells Mandy

Whether you prefer to knit by hand or machine, Mandy Wools has all your essential supplies. Described as an Aladdin's cave, the shop has an extensive range of yarns, patterns, needles and more. Get in touch to find out more about the variety of goodies on offer, plus details of the knitting and crochet workshops. Call **01749 677548** or visit [www.mandywools.co.uk](http://www.mandywools.co.uk)



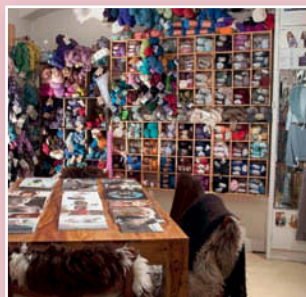
## Ewe Knit 20, Colliers Walk, Nailsea

Open since November 2013, this vibrant shop has unusual origins. A local shopping centre offered entrepreneurs the chance to rent a shop space free for a whole year, and Ewe Knit 20 was the joint winner. The shop is thriving, selling yarns and equipment for hand and machine knitting, and offering a selection of workshops. Find the store at [www.facebook.com/eweknit20](http://www.facebook.com/eweknit20) or call **01275 217020**.



## Spin a Yarn, Fore St, Bovey Tracey

If you're visiting this pretty Devon town, don't miss this knitting haven. It's bursting with unusual yarns from as far afield as Japan and New Zealand, as well as stocking some locally sourced fibres and favourite brands. There's also the opportunity to learn new skills at one of the store's workshops, but you will need to book ahead. The town is also home to the Devon Guild of Craftsmen. To learn more, call **01626 836203** or visit [www.spinayarndevon.co.uk](http://www.spinayarndevon.co.uk)



**Get Knitted, Brislington Hill, Brislington,** Located just outside Bristol, this colourful yarn store stocks a great variety of popular brands from King Cole and Hayfield, to Rowan and Sublime, as well as needles from KnitPro and Clover. There's also a weekly knit and natter group on Friday mornings. For more information, call **0117 300 5211** or visit [www.getknitted.com](http://www.getknitted.com)



## Knitting Well, Bell Street, Shaftesbury

This charming store opened in 2011 and stocks a great range of yarns from your favourite spinners. You'll find everything you'll need for your next project, whether you're knitting for yourself, baby or the home. There's also a lovely haberdashery range for all your must-buy notions. Call **01747 854178** to find out more.



## Butterfly Bright, Digby Rd, Sherborne

This shop is bursting with yarns, fabrics and haberdashery to meet all your crafty needs. There's also a great selection of workshops on offer, ranging from knitting and crochet, to jewellery making and cake decorating. To find out what's in store, call **01935 817303** or go online at [www.butterflybright.com](http://www.butterflybright.com)



## Getting there

**By car:** the M5 motorway is the main route through the south west and meets with the M4 at Bristol, connecting to London and South Wales. It also joins with the M6 at Birmingham.

**By air:** you can fly to Bristol from major European cities, as well as from other UK airports

**By rail:** First Great Western serves the whole south west region and has frequent services from London and the north.



Bath



Durdle Door



Exmoor National Park





## SCREENSHOT

EXCLUSIVE PROJECTS FROM THE HOTTEST ONLINE KNITTERS



## Sarah Knight

### "I WANT TO ENJOY EVERY STITCH"

Popular blogger Sarah shares her design ethos along with an exclusive pattern that's full of exciting techniques

**B**est known for her blog *Crafts From the Cwtch* (that rhymes with "butch", for the non-Welsh readers), Sarah Knight is a self-proclaimed knitaholic, who specialises in simple-to-knit, adaptable shawl and scarf patterns. You can find her blog, tutorials and patterns at [www.craftsfromthecwtch.co.uk](http://www.craftsfromthecwtch.co.uk)

Four years after starting to knit as a hobby, I still have to fit my knitting, blogging and designing around a very busy home life. With limited time to knit, I prefer things which are easy to pick-up-and-put-down, and can be made from relatively small amounts of lovely yarn. I want to enjoy every stitch, as knitting is my way to relax and create.

My favourite knits to wear are simpler designs in beautiful colours. This ethos has been carried into my designs – simple shapes and stitches which are accessible to new knitters, but which might not be constructed in the most obvious way.

For my first Let's Knit design I wanted something which looked simple – a rectangular shawl, made mostly from stocking stitch – but I made it really big, and constructed it in the round from the centre, to eliminate the long purl rows which many knitters seem to dislike. It's a great shawl to knit when travelling, as it's lightweight despite the size, and it's easy to remember the pattern once you get going. It's also very versatile, something which is really important to me. Most of my designs can be worn in numerous ways so the knitter is able to incorporate their own unique style into how they wear it."

## JUDY'S MAGIC CAST ON

This double-sided cast on is great for toe-up socks and other in-the-round projects  
**NOTE:** this cast on is used with an even number of sts

**Step 1:** Hold two double-pointed needles parallel and, leaving a long tail, sandwich yarn between needles



Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until all your stitches have been cast on, ending after Step 3



**Step 2:** Hold yarn in the 'slingshot' position with the tail around your index finger and the working yarn around your thumb. The yarns should now be twisted



Turn the needles so the bottom needle is now on top and hold them in your left hand. Bring the working yarn in front of the yarn tail



**Step 3:** Using your index finger, wrap the yarn tail around the bottom needle from front to back



Insert a third double-pointed needle into the first stitch on the uppermost needle, knit this stitch, pulling the yarn tail tight to secure the stitch



**Step 4:** Using your thumb, bring the working yarn between the needles and wrap it around the top needle from front to back



Keeping the right side facing you at all times, work in the round over these two needles



## Sarah's TOP TIPS

**You can learn new techniques from the simplest projects!** Long rows/rounds of stocking stitch? Try using the Continental knitting style! Wrapping and turning getting boring? How about knitting backwards? Or using a new cast-on or cast-off method? There are so many different ways to do things, no project has to be boring.

**Keep a basic knitting kit with your project so you always have what you need.** I carry a little case holding a tape measure, stitch markers, a pencil, darning needle, and scissors at all times. There's also a mini crochet hook in there too for picking up any dropped stitches – I can't tell you how many times I've been thankful for it!

**Learn to understand any mistakes.** As a new knitter I made so many mistakes! I still make them, but the difference is that I don't panic and get upset about them any more – I try to understand why they happened and how I can fix them. It's taught me a lot about construction and the anatomy of stitches and means that most of my mistakes can now be fixed quite painlessly.

**Don't be afraid to "frog"!** Life is too short to spend hours working on projects you don't enjoy. If something feels 'wrong' when you're knitting it, you're unlikely to love it when it's finished. The time (and yarn!) are best used on other projects, so trust your intuition and don't be afraid to start over and make any changes to the yarn, needles or pattern until it's right.



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

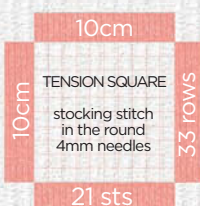
70cm x 112cm

### KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Malabrigo Sock, shade 857 Light of Love, two 100g balls

**Needles:** 4mm (100cm) circular, three 4mm straight for casting on

**Stitch markers:** four, one contrast colour



### ABOUT THE YARN

**Malabrigo Sock** is a beautiful yarn made from 100% superwash merino wool which can be machine washed. The skeins are hand dyed, so make sure you buy from the same dye lot! The yarn knits to a light 4ply tension.

#### Need an alternative yarn?

**Artesano Definition** is available in beautiful solid shades, and is made using 75% wool and 25% polyamide. It is slightly thicker than the Malabrigo yarn, so make sure you do a tension square.



**Malabrigo Sock** costs £13.50 per 100g (402m) from 0161 494 2053, [www.tangled-yarn.co.uk](http://www.tangled-yarn.co.uk)



**Artesano Definition** costs £9.71 per 100g (400m) from 01829 740903, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

# Clarity

BY SARAH KNIGHT



## START KNITTING HERE

### Body

Using 4mm straight needles, cast on 180 sts using 'Judy's Magic Cast On' (see p36) so there are 90 sts on each needle

□ Rnd 1: using third straight needle, k all sts on N1, using old N1 k all sts tbl on N2

□ Rnd 2: using circular needle, k3 on new N1, pm, k to last two sts on new N1, pm, k5, pm, k to last two sts on new N2, place end of round marker here Move last two sts from N2 to circular needle for start of next rnd

□ Rnd 3 (inc rnd): \* kfb, k to one st before marker, kfb, sm, rep from \* to end. 188 sts

□ Rnd 4: k

These two rnds form patt  
□ Cont in patt until work meas 30cm from central cast-on to edge, ending after an inc rnd

### Eyelet edging

□ Rnd 5: (k2tog, \* yfwd, k2tog, rep from \* to one st before marker, yfwd, k1, sm) four times

□ Rnd 6 (inc rnd): \* kfb, k to one st before marker, kfb, sm, rep from \* to end

□ Rep Rnds 5-6 until there are seven eyelet rows, ending after a Rnd 5

□ Cast off using knit lace cast off (see p51) Weave in ends, soak and block to size **LK**







**Loremar**  
KNITTING & CROCHETING ~ SINCE 1981

**FREE DELIVERY ON ORDERS OVER £25**

**10% OFF YOUR NEXT ORDER**  
SIMPLY ENTER THE CODE **LK10** ON THE CHECKOUT PAGE

**Patterns Yarn Needles**

**www.loremar.co.uk 0845 303 8685**



**Laughing Hens**

Proud stockists of all Rowan, Debbie Bliss, Noro, Louisa Harding, Rooster and Cascade yarns and books.

Your online shop for all your knitting needs

10% discount on Rowan Wool Cotton 4ply Quote "LK80" at checkout to qualify

**www.laughinghens.com - 01829 740903 - sales@laughinghens.com**



**15 pairs of the best quality 34cm Bamboo Needles sizes 0 to 15 only £17.44 inc. UK postage. See our Silky Satin Needle Case at £13.68.**

**Cheques may be made out to Irina Beighton and sent to 16 Maple street, Birkenhead, CH41 2SZ**

**www.bamboo-knitting-centre.com or phone 0785 494 3405**

**bambooknittingcentre@yahoo.co.uk**



Topwools  
25 The Arcade Barnsley S70 2QP  
Telephone: 01226 730826  
email: shop@twistedstitches.co.uk

**BRAND NEW WEBSITE**

All undyed, unbleached yarns  
Featuring organic British wools  
Beautiful oiled wools from the Isle of Mull  
Specialising in colour-grown organic cotton - 'Qoperfina' blended with copper for anti-inflammatory, anti-bacterial qualities, reap the benefits whilst knitting  
Natural-dye Studio, hand-dyed yarns exclusively using plant dyes



*Qoperfina*

We are still stocking your favourites from Sirdar, Rico, Katia, Debbie Bliss and Stylecraft in our Barnsley shop.

Just give us a call or drop an email to order.

20% discount on all Sirdar full packs

**www.twistedstitches.co.uk**

**TWIST & SPIN**  
RED LACE & BAMBOO  
Interchangeables

WHAT MAKES THEM UNIQUE?

16 TIP SIZES STARTING WITH US2 (2.75MM)  
TIPS AVAILABLE IN 4" (10CM) & 5" (13CM)  
TWIST & SPIN CABLES ARE SWITCHABLE  
SWIVEL ACTION SPIN CABLE  
MEMORY FREE TWIST CABLE  
PERFECT TIPS AND JOINS  
LIFELINE HOLES




6" (15cm) x 8" (20cm)  
Complete Zipper Closure  
29 Labeled Pockets

**ChiaoGoo**  
HANTEX.CO.UK | PURLNOVA.CO.UK  
WWW.CHIAOGOO.COM | INFO@CHIAOGOO.COM

**Purplelinda Crafts**

**KnitPro WAVES Crochet Hooks**  
Available in a lovely range of colours



Set of 9  
in a cute case only  
**£27.99**

Visit us at the website for a huge range of Crochet Hooks, Cotton, Yarns and Supplies

**www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk**





# WIN

A fantastic knitting stash worth over

## £200!



**WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN! WIN!**

We have a huge bundle of knitting goodies up for grabs, including yarn, needles, pattern booklets and accessories worth over £200, and for a chance to win you simply need to tell us which knitting yarns, products and stores you love! Nominate your favourites for inclusion in the BRITISH KNITTING AWARDS 2014 using the form opposite or online at [www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards) and you'll be automatically entered into this draw. These annual awards are run by Let's Knit and Let's Get Crafting magazines. Only the yarns, shops, designers and accessories with the most nominations will make it through to the final voting stage, so tell us what rocks your knitting universe and ensure your favourites get the recognition they deserve. This year we're delighted to introduce two brand new categories - Best British Yarn and Best Yarn Shop Day Experience - and we can't wait to find out who gets your nominations!

Be sure to get your entry to us by the closing date of June 10th 2014.



### YOUR NOMINATIONS:

#### YARNS:

- Best baby yarn brand .....
- Best independent yarn brand .....
- Best value yarn brand .....
- Best luxury yarn brand .....
- Best sock yarn brand .....
- Best overall yarn brand .....
- Best British yarn .....

#### RETAILERS:

- Best Local Independent Yarn Store  
(Please tick area then add shop name and town/village)  
☐ North of England ☐ Wales ☐ Scotland  
☐ Ireland ☐ South of England ☐ Midlands

Best chain store/multiple .....

Best pattern house .....

#### ONLINE:

Best online shop .....

Best knitting blog .....

Best website .....

#### KNITTING PRODUCTS:

Best knitting needle range .....

Best accessories range .....

Best ready-to-use knit kits .....

Best Book (2014) .....

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Best knitting show/event 2014 .....

Best Yarn Shop Day Experience 2014 .....

Best knitting designer .....

### YOUR DETAILS:

Title.....Initial.....Surname.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Tel number.....

Email.....

Signature.....Date.....

**SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO CHLOE HUNT, BRITISH KNITTING AWARDS 2014, 21-23 PHOENIX COURT, HAWKINS ROAD, COLCHESTER, ESSEX, CO2 8JY**

**CLOSING DATE: 10TH JUNE 2014 FOR NOMINATIONS**

TERMS & CONDITIONS: All entries will be entered into the prize draw which is open to all UK residents aged 18 or over, excluding employees or agents of the associated companies and their families. Only one entry per person. The prize is one bundle of yarn as shown and cannot be exchanged for cash, or replaced with any other item. Entries must be on the coupon or online form provided (no purchase necessary). Illegible entries and those that do not abide by these terms and conditions will be disqualified. No responsibility will be held for entries lost, delayed or damaged. All entries become the property of Aceville Publications Limited. Entries will be selected at random within one week of the closing date. No correspondence will be entered into. CLOSING DATE: 10th June 2014. Winner will be notified by post, phone or email. The winner's name will be available in writing on request from Chloe Hunt, 21/23 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex CO2 8JY. This prize draw is only available through Let's Knit magazine or [www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/britishknittingawards).

Your details will be processed by Aceville Publications Limited, (publishers of Let's Knit magazine) in full accordance with data protection legislation. Aceville Publications Limited and sister companies may wish to contact you with information of other services and publications we provide which may be of interest. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐ From time to time Aceville Publications Limited will share details with other reputable companies who provide products and services that may be of interest to you. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐



# knit PICKS

Hot products, ideas  
and more!

## Let it shine

Illuminate your work space and ease eye strain with The MAGnificent craft lamp from Daylight. This LED lamp not only provides imitation daylight but also has a magnifying lens to make your detailed work that little bit easier. It can even be converted from a floor to table lamp. Visit [www.daylightcompany.com](http://www.daylightcompany.com) or call 0208 964 1200 for stockists and more details.



WIN a  
lamp on  
p77

## Wedding belles

June is a popular time to get married and this silk shawl is the perfect accessory, whether you're a bridesmaid or guest. It's from Rowan's Truesilk pattern collection, which is new for this summer. The yarn of the same name is made from 100% mulberry silk and catches the light beautifully.

[www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)



*Learn to dye your own yarn,  
then knit this adorable family  
of Tuggles and a travel bag,  
with Debbie Tomkies' KoolAid  
dyeing kit. £8, 0161 718 3818,  
[www.dtcrafts.co.uk](http://www.dtcrafts.co.uk)*



## Feeling fruity

How fabulous is Kat Goldin's retro pot holder? We love the fun cherry motif. This design is part of a kit that Kat has designed to teach you how to crochet. It's perfect for any knitter who has always wanted to have a go with a hook. The kit comes with lovely cotton yarn, a metal crochet hook and full colour instructions, complete with step-by-step photos to help you on your way. £15, [www.notonthehighstreet.com](http://www.notonthehighstreet.com)



## Cutting edge

Self-opening and squeezable scissors are just the thing for aching hands and the new Mini Easi-Grip® scissors from Peta are ideal for popping in your craft bag when you're on the move. They cost just £3.95 per pair. There's also a whole range of scissors and tools for crafting and other household tasks. Visit [www.peta-uk.com](http://www.peta-uk.com)



## PICK from the LK blog!



We caught up with Su Cowell, from baby knitwear company Cobweb Knits, who told us how teaching children to knit led to her starting her own

business, and what she loves about knitting for babies. Read the full interview on our blog at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)



LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE GARMENT PATTERN

# *Fondant* is a sugar-sweet *tunic* by *Susie Johns*

Candy colours are a massive trend this season, with pastel shades being one of the prettiest and most wearable styles for all ages. This simple tunic uses four-row stripes, and features a square neckline and pockets, making it a fantastic project for beginner knitters who want to branch out into making their first garment.

START KNITTING ON P42

**FAB**  
STARTER  
GARMENT!



*"This would look absolutely perfect on the beach, teamed with some shorts and big, 60s-style sunglasses!"*

LK EDITORIAL ASSISTANT AMY ADAMS



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

### Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16)

### To fit bust (cm):

81 (86, 91, 97, 102)

### Actual bust (cm):

92 (98, 103, 109, 114)

### Length from shoulder (cm):

63 (65.5, 67.5, 70.5, 72.5)

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Rowan Wool Cotton 4ply, (A) shade 484 Petal, 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) 50g balls, (B) shade 491 Leaf, 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) 50g balls

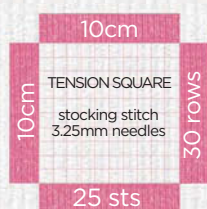
**Needles:** 2.75mm, 3.25mm

**Stitch holders:** four

**Stitch markers:** two

**Tapestry needle**

**Buttons:** 19mm, round, two



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Rowan Wool Cotton 4ply** is a beautifully soft blend of 50% merino wool and 50% cotton. It creates a fabric with a lovely drape and good stitch definition.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**Bergere de France Coton Fifty** is a 50/50 cotton and acrylic blend. For more vibrant shades along the same theme, try (A) shade 24660 Bengale and (B) shade 20075 Bourgeon.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



10% off

**Rowan Wool Cotton 4ply** costs £6.50 per 50g (180m) ball from 01829 740903,

[www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

For 10% off Rowan Wool Cotton 4ply at Laughing Hens, use the discount code LK80

### Bergere Coton

**Fifty** costs £3.35 per 50g (140m) ball from 01924 565740, [www.woolnstuff.co.uk](http://www.woolnstuff.co.uk)



## START KNITTING HERE

### Back

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 125 (133, 139, 147, 153) sts

□ Row 1 (RS): k1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end

□ Row 2: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end

These two rows set 1x1 rib

□ Rep Rows 1-2 four more times, ending after a WS row. Change to 3.25mm needles and join in yarn B, do not cut yarn A

□ Rows 11-14: using yarn B, work four rows in st st

□ Rows 15-18: using yarn A, work four rows in st st. Cont in four-row stripe sequence throughout, carrying yarn not in use up side of work

### SHAPE WAIST

□ Row 19: k3, skpo, k to last five sts, k2tog, k3

□ Rows 20-24: beg with a p row, work five rows in st st

□ Rep Rows 19-24 six times, then rep Row 19 once more. 109 (117, 123, 131, 137) sts

□ Beg with a p row, work in st st without shaping for 29 rows

□ Row 91: k3, kfb, k to last four sts, kfb, k3

□ Rows 92-102: beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st

□ Rep Rows 91-102 once, then rep Row 91 once more. 115 (123, 129, 137, 143) sts

□ Beg with a p row, work 19 rows in st st without shaping

### SHAPE ARMHOLES

□ Row 1: cast off four sts, k to end. 111 (119, 125, 133, 139) sts

□ Row 2: cast off four sts, p to end. 107 (115, 121, 129, 135) sts

□ Row 3: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1

□ Row 4: p

□ Rep Rows 3-4 14 (16, 18, 20, 21) times. 77 (81, 83, 87, 91) sts

□ Beg with a k row, cont in st st without shaping for 26 (30, 32, 36, 40) rows

### SHAPE SHOULDERS

□ Row 1: cast off 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts, k to end

□ Row 2: cast off 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts, p to end

□ Rep Rows 1-2 once more. 53 (53, 55, 59, 59) sts

□ Row 5: cast off 6 (6, 7, 8, 8) sts, k to end

□ Row 6: cast off 6 (6, 7, 8, 8) sts, p to end. 41 (41, 41, 43, 43) sts

Place rem sts on holder

## Pockets (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 36 (36, 38, 40, 40) sts

□ Beg with a k row, work 20 rows in st st

Place sts on a holder

## Front

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 125 (133, 139, 147, 153) sts

□ Rows 1-18: work as for Back. Cont in four-row stripe sequence, carrying yarn not in use up side of work

### SHAPE WAIST

□ Row 19: k3, skpo, k to last five sts, k2tog, k3

□ Rows 20-24: beg with a p row, work five rows in st st

□ Rep Rows 19-24 four times more. 115 (123, 129, 137, 143) sts

□ Row 49: k3, skpo, k5 (7, 8, 9, 12), place next 36 (36, 38, 40, 40) sts on holder, k36 (36, 38, 40, 40) sts across top of pocket, k23 (27, 27, 29, 29), place next 36 (36, 38, 40, 40) sts on holder, k36 (36, 38, 40, 40) sts across top of next pocket, k5 (7, 8, 9, 12), k2tog, k3. 113 (121, 127, 135, 141) sts

□ Rows 50-54: beg with a p row, work five rows in st st

□ Row 55: k3, skpo, k to last five sts, k2tog, k3

□ Rep Rows 50-55 once more. 109 (117, 123, 131, 137) sts

- Beg with a p row, cont without shaping for 29 rows
- Row 91: k3, kfb, k to last four sts, kfb, k3
- Rows 92-102: beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st
- Rep Rows 91-102 once, then Row 91 once more. 115 (123, 129, 137, 143) sts
- Beg with a p row, cont without shaping for 19 rows

### SHAPE ARMHOLES

□ Row 1: cast off four sts, k to end. 111 (119, 125, 133, 139) sts

□ Row 2: cast off four sts, p to end. 107 (115, 121, 129, 135) sts

□ Row 3: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1

□ Row 4: p

□ Rep Rows 3-4 14 (16, 18, 20, 21) times. 77 (81, 83, 87, 91) sts

### SHAPE NECK

□ Next row: k18 (20, 21, 22, 24), turn

Leave rem sts on holder

□ Beg with a p row, cont in st st on left side of neck for 25 (29, 31, 35, 39) rows, ending at armhole edge

### SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

□ Row 1: cast off 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts, k to end

□ Row 2: p

□ Rep Rows 1-2 once more

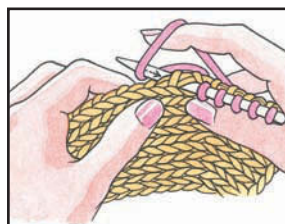
□ Cast off rem 6 (6, 7, 8, 8) sts

□ Return to sts on holder, leave centre 41 (41, 41, 43, 43)



Fondant has cute buttoned pockets, giving it a lovely retro look

## Picking up stitches on a selvedge



1 With the right side facing you, insert the tip of the needle into the work at the first stitch. Move the needle from the front to the back of the work between the first and second stitches of the first row. Wrap the yarn around the tip of the needle and draw it through the knitting to form a new stitch. Repeat this until you have picked up the desired number of stitches.



sts, rejoin yarn and with RS facing, k18 (20, 21, 22, 24)  
 □ Beg with a p row, cont in st st on right side of neck for 26 (30, 32, 36, 40) rows, ending at armhole edge

### SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

- Row 1: cast off 6 (7, 7, 7, 8) sts, p to end
- Row 2: k
- Rep Rows 1-2 once more
- Cast off rem 6 (6, 7, 8, 8) sts

### Neckband

- Join right shoulder seam
- Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A with RS facing, pick up and k 33 (34, 37, 38, 39) sts down left side of neck, one st at corner, k 41 (41, 41, 43, 43) sts from holder, pick up and k one st at corner, 33 (34, 37, 38, 39) sts up right side of neck, k 41 (41, 41, 43, 43) sts from holder, pm in each of two corner sts. 150 (152, 158, 164, 166) sts
- Work five rows in 1x1 rib dec one st on each side of markers on every row
- Cast off in rib

### Armbands (alike)

- Join left shoulder seam, including neckband
- Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A with RS facing, pick up and k 126 (134, 142, 150, 158) sts around armhole
- Work five rows in 1x1 rib
- Cast off in rib

### Pocket bands (alike)

- Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A with RS facing, k36 (36, 38, 40, 40) sts from holder on first pocket
- Row 2: \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end
- Row 3: \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end
- Row 4: as Row 2
- Row 5: work in rib for 17 (17, 18, 19, 19) sts, cast off two sts, rib to end
- Row 6: work in rib for 17 (17, 18, 19, 19) sts, turn, cast on two sts, rib to end
- Cast off in rib

### To make up

Lightly block Front and Back of tunic, then Pockets, avoiding ribbed bands. Stitch side edges of ribbed band on each pocket top in place on right side. Stitch buttons in place to

correspond with buttonholes. On inside of tunic, stitch base of each pocket to top of ribbed hem, then stitch down sides of each pocket. Sew side seams in mattress stitch, keeping stripes aligned **LK**

## knitwise

### MY FIRST GARMENT

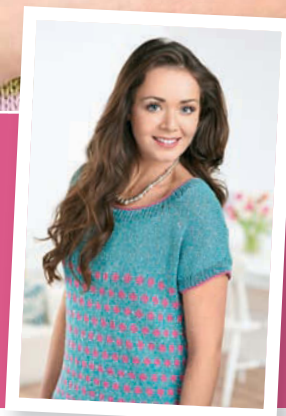
With a simple stocking stitch pattern and a square neckline, this is the perfect top to get over the fear of knitting garments. The most important thing to remember is to keep track of your work by investing in a simple row counter, and to highlight the size you are knitting throughout the pattern – if you don't want to damage your magazine, try photocopying! The waist shaping uses left and right-leaning decreases to ensure a neat finish, so pay attention to the pattern at this point. And remember, if you get stuck then the support team is here to help! Just email [support@letsknit.co.uk](mailto:support@letsknit.co.uk) with your query.



## coming next issue

**STUNNING SPOTTY TOP BY PAT MENCHINI**

July issue of Let's Knit on sale Friday 6th June





# Silky SMOOTH

Indulge in a little luxury with these sumptuous silk yarns

## 1 Rowan Truesilk

Made with 100% mulberry silk, this beautiful new yarn from Rowan uses a chainette construction to keep the fabric light and airy, while giving garments a graceful drape. It is available in eight simple summer shades with an exquisite sheen. The DK yarn costs £11.95 per 50g (150m) ball from 0117 300 5211, [www.getknitted.com](http://www.getknitted.com)

## 2 Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK

This simple but special yarn uses a blend of 75% merino, 20% silk and 5% cashmere, making a versatile DK which is unbelievably soft. It is machine washable, and comes in a huge range of colours. One 50g (116m) ball costs £5.85 from [www.knittingwooland yarn.co.uk](http://www.knittingwooland yarn.co.uk)

## 3 UK Alpaca Baby Alpaca Silk DK

UK Alpaca produces delightful natural yarns which use exclusively British alpaca fleece from around the country. This pretty DK is blended with 20% tussah silk, giving it a luxuriously soft finish. Alpaca is well known for its quality, so this is sure to create something extraordinary. One 50g (112m) ball costs £9.55 from 0845 576 0007, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com) For 10% off all orders at [Loveknitting.com](http://Loveknitting.com), turn to page 11.

## 4 Fyberspates Scrumptious Lace

Create something truly special with this stunning laceweight yarn. Made using a luxurious blend of 45% silk and 55% merino wool, there is enough here to create a standout lace shawl. Available in a range of strong statement colours, as well as more subtle tones, one 100g (1000m) skein costs £15.99 from 01829 740903, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

## 5 Louisa Harding Grace Harmonies

Louisa Harding's Grace range of silk-blend yarns offers a little something for everyone – but we remain particularly mesmerised by this 50/50 merino/silk blend with subtle tone-on-tone shades. Inspired by the jazz age, the colours are named after various musical styles, including Swing, featured here. One 50g (100m) skein costs £9.95 from 01244 389310, [www.stashfineyarns.com](http://www.stashfineyarns.com)





### 3 Bergere de France Soie

Using 100% silk, this decadent 4ply yarn has a gorgeous sheen and is available in nine fabulous shades, from this striking red to pale pastels. It is even machine washable, so there's no excuse to miss out on a little luxury! One 50g (115m) ball costs £11.66 from **01273 508768**, [www.cocoonknits.co.uk](http://www.cocoonknits.co.uk)

### 4 Debbie Bliss Luxury Silk DK

The 20 colours available in this 100% mulberry silk yarn all work together to make it really stand out from the crowd – there are even six variegated shades to add a little extra interest to the projects! Make sure you check out Simply Silk, which features five new patterns using the yarn. One 50g (100m) ball costs £9.95 from **01379 650640**, [www.disswoolandcrafts.com](http://www.disswoolandcrafts.com)

### 5 Manos del Uruguay Silk Blend Fino

Manos del Uruguay, meaning “the hands of Uruguay”, is a non-profit organisation which works to bring economic opportunities to rural women. Silk Blend Fino is a lavish blend of 30% silk and 70% wool, spun together to create a pretty 4ply yarn. The skeins are hand dyed in kettles, so be sure to buy enough for your whole project. Each 50g (225m) skein costs £9.49 from **0800 488 0708**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com). **For 10% off all orders at Deramores, turn to back cover.**



Lovely  
selection of  
fine yarns  
perfect for  
Summer 2014!



**www.addicted2knit.co.uk**  
or tel: 020 8368 9041

**KNITTING  
FOR DOLLS**

**SPRING  
FEVER**

New knitting and  
crochet patterns for  
your dolls Spring  
wardrobe  
available  
now!



**www.knittingfordolls.com**

**Annie&Alice** WOOL SHOP  
QUALITY KNITWEAR

Stocking a range of yarns and  
patterns from King Cole, Katia,  
Sirdar and Stylecraft!

**www.annieandalicequalityknitwear.co.uk/wool-shop**

Tel: 0141 772 9214

16b, Huntershill Village, 102 Crowhill Road, Bishopbriggs, Glasgow, G64 1RP

Opening Hours Monday-Friday: 1:15 - 5pm, Saturday: 9:30-5pm, Sunday: 11-4pm

**www.facebook.com/AnnieandAlice**

**All Telephone  
Orders Welcome**



**A Woolly Tail**

Yarns sourced from the heart of Yorkshire

**Yarns, Patterns, Books  
Needles, Buttons,  
Accessories and Gifts**

**www.awoollytail.com** 07974 954663

Stylecraft  
**Robin**

Debbie Bliss

**Wendy**

**Peter Pan**

Louisa Harding

Twilleys of Stamford

**WYS** WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS

**knittingwool&yarn**

*Great range  
of Wool & Yarns with  
Prices & Service to  
match - Always*

**Unit 28, Crossways  
Shopping Centre,  
Hyde Road,  
Paignton, Devon**

**TQ4 5BL - 01803 524402**

**www.knittingwoolandyarn.co.uk**  
**enquiries@knittingwoolandyarn.co.uk**

**Find us on Facebook**



**Yarn Pile**

International Yarns... Locally

*Stocking a range of baby yarns and  
patterns including: Debbie Bliss, James  
C Brett, Jarol, King Cole & Woolcraft!*

Why not try the beautifully soft Flutterby  
chunky perfect for any baby knit project  
from cardigans to blankets! (As seen in  
image). Knit up a gift with a personal  
touch. To explore our ranges plus knitting  
needles and accessories visit us at:

**www.yarnpile.co.uk**



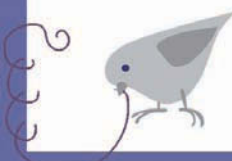
**Tangled Yarn**

Tel: 0161 4942053

**www.tangled-yarn.co.uk**

At Tangled Yarn, we specialise in luxury knitting yarns, carefully  
sourced from around the world, small independent dyers  
and spinners. We stock an extensive choice of Debbie Bliss,  
Fyberspates, The Natural Dye Studio and many more.

We have in stock beautiful knitting needles,  
crochet hooks and have a fantastic choice  
in crochet and knitting patterns from  
some of today's leading designers





LET'S KNIT BABY PATTERN

# *Meeko* is an adorable *animal motif* sweater from *Phildar*

We're still enjoying the trend for cute critter-inspired picture knits, and this delightful raccoon jumper will be loved by mum and baby alike.

The first two sizes have a full back opening, similar to a backwards cardigan, while the larger three sizes have a shorter opening like on traditional baby jumpers. The motif should be worked using the intarsia method. See the Knitwise panel for how to do it.



ADORABLE  
PICTURE  
KNIT!

START KNITTING ON P48



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

### To fit (mths):

0 (3, 6, 12, 18)

### Actual chest (cm):

46 (48, 52, 56, 60)

### Length from shoulder (cm):

20 (23, 26, 29, 31)

### Sleeve length (cm):

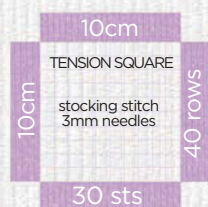
21 (25.5, 28, 31.5, 34)

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Phildar Super Baby, (A) shade Celadon 3 (3, 4, 5, 5) 25g balls, (B) shade Souris, (C) shade Flanelle, (D) shade Givre, (E) shade Cygne, one 25g ball of each

**Needles:** 2.5mm, 3mm

**Poppers:** 9mm, 5 (5, 3, 3)



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Phildar Super Baby** is a soft blend of 70% acrylic and 30% wool. It knits to a light 4ply tension, can be machine washed and comes in a charming palette of 15 complementary shades.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



10% off

phildar  
www.phildar.fr

**Phildar Super Baby** costs £3.09 per 25g (107m) ball from 0800 488 0708, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

For 10% off all orders at Deramores, turn to back cover.

# knitwise

**COLOUR CODE:** The raccoon chart is best worked using the intarsia colourwork method. Before you begin the chart, wind small bobbins of each colour. Each time you change colour on the row, use a different bobbin. Remember to twist the strands together to avoid getting a hole.

## START KNITTING HERE

**NOTE:** for first and second sizes, the back is worked in two halves

## FIRST AND SECOND SIZES ONLY

### Left back

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 39 (41, -, -, -) sts

□ Beg with a k row, work in st st for 1.5cm, ending after a RS row

□ Next row (WS): k

This completes rolled edge

□ Beg with a k row, cont in st st until work meas 10.5 (12.5, -, -, -) cm from end of rolled edge, ending after a RS row

## SHAPE RAGLAN

□ Cast off three sts at beg of next row. 36 (38, -, -, -) sts

□ P one row

□ \* At armhole edge, cast off

one st 2 (4, -, -, -) times, then two sts once, rep from \* 4 (2, -, -, -) more times, then cast off one st 4 (6) times. 12 (14, -, -, -) sts

□ Cont without shaping until work meas 20.5 (23.5, -, -, -) cm from end of rolled edge, ending after a WS row

□ Cast off

## Right back

□ Work as for Left back reversing shaping

## THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SIZES ONLY

### Back

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on - ( -, 80, 86, 92) sts

□ Beg with a k row, work in st st for 1.5cm, ending after a RS row

□ Next row (WS): k

This completes rolled edge

□ Beg with a k row, cont in st

st until work meas - ( -, 14.5, 16.5, 17.5) cm from end of rolled edge, ending after a WS row

## SHAPE RAGLAN

□ Cast off three sts at beg of next two rows. - ( -, 74, 80, 86) sts

□ Casting off at beg of every row, \* cast off one st - ( -, 5, 9, 10) times, then two sts once, rep from \* - ( -, 2, 1, 1) more times, then cast off one st five times **AT THE SAME TIME** shape back opening as follows:

## SHAPE BACK OPENING

□ When work meas - ( -, 21, 24, 26) cm from end of rolled edge, ending after a WS row, pm in centre of back

□ Next row: k to four sts after marker, turn

Leave rem sts on holder

□ Cont on first set of sts until work meas - ( -, 26.5, 29.5, 31.5) cm from end of rolled edge, ending after a WS row

□ Cast off rem - ( -, 15, 17, 19) sts

□ Cast on eight sts, then k across sts on holder

□ Complete to match first side

## ALL SIZES

### Front

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 70 (74, 80, 86, 92) sts

□ Beg with a k row, work in st st for 1.5cm, ending after a RS row

□ Next row (WS): k

This completes rolled edge

□ Beg with a k row, cont in st st until work meas 1.5 (2.5, 3.5, 2.5, 3.5) cm from end of rolled edge, ending after a WS row

□ Next row: using yarn A, k10 (12, 15, 12, 15), work 50 (50, 50, 62, 62) sts from Chart A, using yarn A, k10 (12, 15, 12, 15) sts

This row sets position of Chart

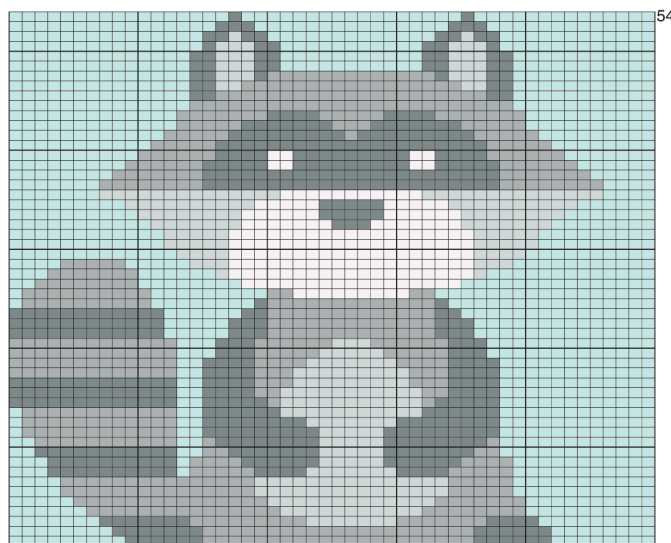
□ Cont working from Chart

**AT THE SAME TIME** when work meas 10.5 (12.5, 14.5, 16.5, 17.5) cm, shape raglan as follows:

## SHAPE RAGLAN

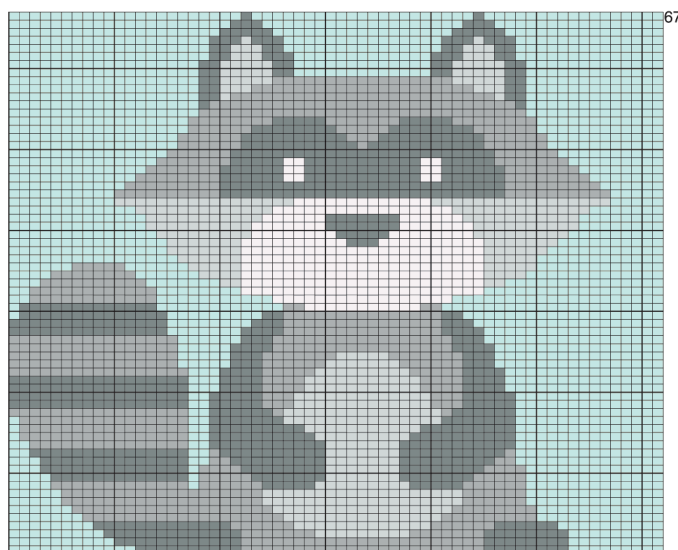
□ Cast off three sts at beg of next two rows. 64 (68, 74, 80, 86) sts

CHART A (for newborn - 3-6 months)



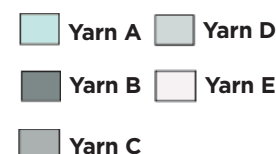
50 sts

CHART B (for 12-18 months)



62 sts

### Key







❑ Casting off at beg of every row, \* cast off one st 2 (4, 5, 9, 10) times, then two sts once, rep from \* 4 (2, 2, 1, 1) more times, then cast off one st 0 (2, 1, 1, 1) times **AT THE SAME TIME**, when Chart is complete, cont in yarn A only until work meas 17 (20, 23, 25, 27) sts from end of rolled edge, ending after WS row, then work neck shaping as folls:

### SHAPE NECK

Pm at each end of 12 (14, 14, 16, 18) centre sts

❑ Next row: work to end, casting off 12 (14, 14, 16, 18) centre sts between markers. Work each side separately as folls:

❑ Cast off 2 (3, 4, 3, 3) sts at neck edge 2 (1, 1, 1, 1) times, then 0 (2, 2, 2, 2) sts 0 (1, 1, 1, 1) times, then 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) sts 0 (0, 0, 2, 2) times

❑ Cont without shaping until work meas 18.5 (21.5, 24.5, 27.5, 29.5) cm from end of rolled edge, ending after a WS row

❑ Cast off rem two sts

### Sleeves

Using 2.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 48 (50, 54, 56, 60) sts

❑ Row 1: \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end

This row sets rib

❑ Work in rib for 1cm, ending after a WS row

Change to 3mm needles

❑ Beg with a k row, work in st st inc one st at each end of foll 8th (10th, 10th, 8th, 6th) row 4 (3, 2, 8, 2) times, then on foll 0 (8th, 8th, 0, 6th) rows 0 (2, 4, 0, 7) times. 56 (60, 66, 72, 78) sts

❑ Cont without shaping until work meas 10 (13.5, 15, 17.5, 19) cm from end of rib, ending after a WS row

### SHAPE RAGLAN

❑ Cast off three sts at beg of next two rows. 50 (54, 60, 66, 72) sts

❑ Casting off on every row, \* cast off one st 2 (4, 5, 9, 10) times, then two sts once, rep from \* 4 (2, 2, 1, 1) more times, then cast off 0 (1, 1, 1, 1) st 0 (2, 1, 1, 1) times. 10 (14, 16, 20, 22) sts

❑ Cont without shaping until work meas 18 (22.5, 25, 28.5, 31) sts, ending after a WS row

### SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

❑ At right-hand edge, cast off 2 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts once, then 1 (2, 3, 4, 5) sts 2 (1, 1, 1, 1) times, then 0 (1, 2, 3, 3) sts 0 (2, 1, 1, 1) times, then 0 (0, 1, 2, 2) sts 0 (0, 1, 1, 1) times **AT THE SAME TIME** on left-hand edge, cast off one st four times

❑ Cont until work meas 20 (24.5, 27, 30.5, 33) cm from end of rib, ending after a WS row

❑ Cast off rem two sts

❑ Work second Sleeve to match, reversing shaping

### Neckband

Using 2.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 85 (93, 101, 113, 121) sts

❑ Row 1 (RS): k2, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to last st, k1

❑ Row 2: \* p1, k1, rep from \* to last st, p1

These two rows set rib

❑ Work in rib for 1cm, ending after a RS row

❑ Cast off

### To make up

Sew seams. Join Sleeves to body at raglan edge, longest side matches Back. Sew neckband to neck edge.

Turn in hem of two sts along back opening. Secure with sewn slip stitches. Sew on poppers **LK**

# deramores

EXCLUSIVE UK STOCKISTS OF PHILDAR

FREE  
DELIVERY  
ON ORDERS  
OVER £25



phildar

USE THE COUPON CODE  
**PHILDAR AND GET**

# 15%

**OFF PHILDAR YARN**

[www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

Yarn • Patterns • Books • Needles • Buttons • Accessories

One use per customer. Offer expires midnight BST 20 June 2014. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. We reserve the right to change or withdraw this offer at any time without prior notice. Terms and conditions apply.



# Homemaker

TRY 3 ISSUES FOR £6\*



## TWO EASY WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE...



[HOMEMAKERMAGAZINE.CO.UK/HMA14T](http://HOMEMAKERMAGAZINE.CO.UK/HMA14T)



0844 815 5870 - QUOTE HMA14T

Lines are open Monday - Friday 8am to 8pm, Saturday 9am-1pm. T&C's apply, see online for details

Available from all good retailers including:

**TESCO**  
**ASDA**

**Sainsbury's**  
**WHSmith**

**M**  
**MORRISONS**





sponsored by  
HiyaHiya



# Part Five: Advanced casting off

## THREE NEEDLE CAST-OFF

This is an easy way of casting off two edges together and is often used to join shoulder seams.

**Step 1:** place each set of stitches to be cast off on to a needle. Hold these needles parallel with the right sides (RS) together. Hold these in your left hand. If you're casting off using the yarn tail, the yarn should be coming from the back needle.



**Step 2:** holding a third needle in your right hand, insert this needle into the first stitch on the front needle and through into the first stitch on the back needle, now knit these two stitches together and slip them off the needles at the same time.



**Step 3:** insert your right-hand (RH) needle into the next stitch on the front needle and through into the next stitch on the back needle, knit these two stitches together. You will now have two stitches on your RH needle.



**Step 4:** insert one of your left-hand (LH) needles into the first worked stitch on the RH needle, lift this stitch up and pass it over the other stitch and off the needle. One stitch has been cast off.



**Finished join**



Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been cast off.

If you hold the stitches to be cast off with the wrong sides (WS) together, you will get a ridge on the RS of your work. This could be used as a decorative feature.



LK Deputy Editor Adrienne Chandler shows you six alternative ways of finishing your work

## KNIT LACE CAST OFF

ALSO KNOWN AS THE ELASTIC CAST OFF

This method is used on Sarah Knight's Clarity shawl (p38). It is similar to the Russian cast off, but has slightly more stretch.

**Step 1:** knit two sts as normal.



**Step 2:** return the two stitches on your RH to the LH needle and knit them together through the back loops.



**Step 3:** knit the next stitch as normal.



Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all stitches have been cast off.

**Finished edge**



## RUSSIAN CAST OFF

ALSO KNOWN AS THE LACE CAST OFF

This produces a nice stretchy edge which is good for lace patterns, or cuffs and necklines.

**Step 1:** knit the first two stitches together through the back loops.



**Step 2:** slip the loop on your RH needle back to the LH needle.



Repeat Steps 1 and 2 until all stitches have been cast off.

**Finished edge**



### TOP TIP

Use a larger needle size to prevent your cast-off edge becoming too tight.

*Continued over the page...*





## I-CORD CAST OFF

This method recreates the effect of an i-cord running along your knitted edge. It is knitted on straight needles, as opposed to double-pointed needles. The number of cast-on stitches determines the width of your i-cord.

**Step 1:** using the two-needle method, cast on four stitches at the beginning of the row. These four stitches represent your i-cord.



**Step 2:** knit the first three stitches, then knit the last stitch of the i-cord together with the first stitch of the main knitting through the back loops.



**Step 3:** slip these four stitches back to the LH needle purlwise, pull the yarn across the back of the work so you are ready to knit.



Finished edge

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until only your i-cord stitches remain, then cast these stitches off as normal.



## JENY'S SURPRISINGLY STRETCHY CAST OFF

*Processing a knit stitch:*



**Step 1:** wrap the yarn around the needle from back to front, leaving the yarn at the back of the work. This creates a reverse 'yarn forward' (yfwd).

Thought up by Jeny Staiman, this technique is well suited to rib patterns. The knit and purl stitches are worked in slightly different ways.



**Step 2:** knit the next stitch, then pass your reverse yfwd over the knitted stitch and off the needle.

*Processing a purl stitch:*



**Step 1:** wrap the yarn around the needle from front to back, leaving the yarn at the front of the work. This is called a 'yarn round needle' (yrn).

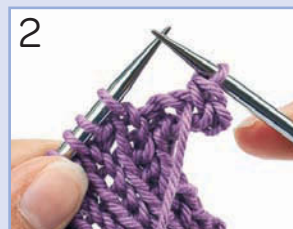


**Step 2:** purl the next stitch, then pass your yrn over the purled stitch and off the needle.

*Working the cast-off:* This example is shown over 1x1 rib.



**Step 1:** process a knit stitch, then process a purl stitch, as shown above.



**Step 2:** pass the first processed stitch over the second processed stitch and off the needle, just like a regular cast off.



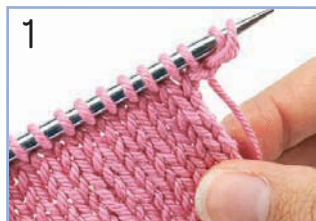
Finished edge

Repeat Steps 1 and 2 until all stitches have been cast off.

## PICOT CAST OFF

Featured on Splendour, Jane Burns' tableware set (p26), this method creates pretty points and a decorative edge. There are many variations on this technique, but the principle is the same for all of them.

**Step 1:** using the cable cast-on method, cast on two stitches at the beginning of the row.



**Step 2:** cast off four stitches.



**Step 3:** slip the remaining stitch on the RH needle back on to the LH needle, then cable cast on two stitches.

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all stitches have been cast off.



Finished edge



Knit School is sponsored by HiyaHiya needles. Find a range of double-pointed, circular and interchangeable needles, available in stainless steel or bamboo varieties. The needles used in this tutorial were HiyaHiya's new steel interchangeable straight needles. There is also a wide selection of knitting accessories available. Visit [www.hiyahiya-uk.com/retailers](http://www.hiyahiya-uk.com/retailers) for stockists and further information.

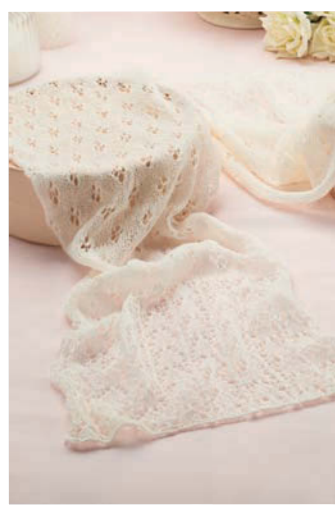




# Coming NEXT MONTH

Why not  
take up a trial to  
Let's Knit with 3  
issues for just £6!\*

Go to [www.lets  
knit.co.uk/  
LKN14T](http://www.lets<br/>knit.co.uk/<br/>LKN14T)



**FREE!**  
LEARN TO  
KNIT LACE  
YARN KIT

**PLUS LACE  
SCARF  
BONUS  
PATTERN**



**QUICK-KNIT  
BUNTING**



**EASY EYELET  
WRAP**



## SUMMER SPARKLE

**GO DOTTY FOR PAT  
MENCHINI'S SPOTTY  
SEQUIN TUNIC**

**PLUS...** Stunning lace shawl • cute baby hat  
• crochet picnic blanket • nursery height chart

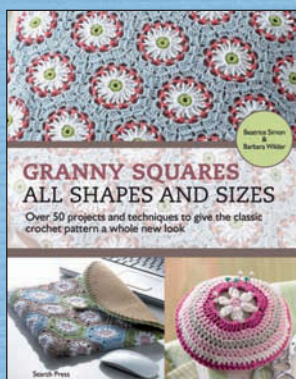
July issue of Let's Knit on sale Friday 6th June 2014

Patterns subject to change



# THE Bookshelf

Our pick of this month's best knitty books, blogs and more



## Granny Squares: All Shapes and Sizes



Barbara Wilder & Beatrice Simon (£10.99, Search Press)

Making granny squares is a classic technique which uses crochet in the round to produce distinctive multicoloured shapes, sewn together into larger pieces. Although they are traditionally square, Simon and Wilder refresh the practice by introducing a whole range of different shapes – from hexagons and triangles, to stars and flowers. This beautiful book features individual patterns for each motif, followed by several different projects to make, primarily for the home. The designs are simply beautiful – you'll be amazed at how contemporary the traditional craft can look!



01892 510850, [www.searchpress.com](http://www.searchpress.com)

## Simple Makes series: Knitting Smitten



Jessica Biscoe (£12.99, Quadrille Publishing)

One of the rising stars in the UK knitting industry, Jessica Biscoe lives near Bristol and has been knitting for just a few years. A popular blogger, her fresh and contemporary designs are quick and easy to make, ranging from adorable egg cosies to slouchy hats and simple knitted bracelets. The book's 20 projects also come with clear step-by-step guides on how to complete some of the trickier techniques, and gorgeous photography by Keiko Oikawa.



0207 839 7117, [www.quadrille.co.uk](http://www.quadrille.co.uk)

## Knit Your Own Pet



Sally Muir & Joanna Osborne (£9.99, Collins & Brown)

You may remember a few other books in Muir and Osborne's Best In Show series, including Knit Your Own Cat, Knit Your Own Zoo, and Knit Your Own Dog. The latter even has its own collection of knitting kits! The latest in the series focuses on household pets, with highlights including a cute hamster, parrot and even a ferret! The charismatic creatures will make brilliant presents for pet lovers, and once knitted you can submit them to [www.bestinshowbooks.com](http://www.bestinshowbooks.com) to enter the show!

0207 605 1400, [www.lovecrafts.co.uk](http://www.lovecrafts.co.uk)



How to Knit  
[www.catherinehirst.com](http://www.catherinehirst.com)



Stitch and Purl  
[stitchandpurl.wordpress.com](http://stitchandpurl.wordpress.com)

How to Knit is a free, beautifully stylish and interactive knitting app from author Catherine Hirst. It features video tutorials, step-by-step instructions and clear photography. You can also buy the patterns to try for yourself!

Svenna, who trained in Art Therapy and moved from Germany to England ten years ago, is a mother and a crafter who loves to share what she's been making. She also sells her wares via her Etsy shop.



KEY:



Book



Website



Podcast



Blog



App





LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE GARMENT PATTERN

*Sophie* is a  
*cute cardi* with a little  
*shell pattern*

This gloriously girly cardigan by Siân Brown has summer written all over it!

The stylish sleeves and easy tie fastening keep it really simple, allowing you to team it with a whole host of outfits. Pair it with a playsuit for picnics in the park, layer it with a camisole and some lightweight linen trousers or throw it on to spruce up a day dress.

START KNITTING ON P56

PRETTY  
SHELL  
PATTERN



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

### Dress size (approx):

8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)

### To fit chest (cm):

84 (86, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)

### Actual chest (cm):

84 (90, 96, 102, 110, 116, 122, 128)

### Length to back of neck (cm):

52 (53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59)

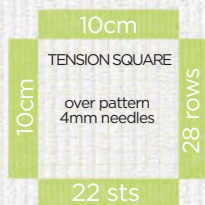
Sleeve length: 14cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Sirdar Ella, shade 3 Candy Pink, 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm straight, 4mm straight, 4mm circular

**Stitch holder**



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Sirdar Ella DK** is a beautifully soft yarn made up of cotton, acrylic and polyester with a glimmer of sparkle running throughout. This fashionable metallic yarn comes in a range of summer pastels, cool neutrals and white. Despite being so delicate, Ella DK is machine washable.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**James C. Brett Cotton On DK** is a blend of cotton and acrylic that is machine washable. It's nice and light so is ideal for summer garments.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



Sirdar Ella DK costs £2.62 per 50g (126m) ball from 0845 003 0775, [www.wool4less.co.uk](http://www.wool4less.co.uk)

James C. Brett Cotton On DK costs £1.85 per 50g (145m) ball from 01789 773021, [www.wisebadger.com](http://www.wisebadger.com)



## START KNITTING HERE

### Back

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 93 (100, 107, 114, 121, 128, 135, 142) sts

□ K three rows

Change to 4mm needles

□ Row 1 (RS): k

□ Rows 2 and 4: p

□ Row 3: k2, [yarn, p1, p3tog, p1, yarn, k2] to end

These four rows form patt

□ Cont in patt until Back meas 7cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

Change to 3.25mm needles

□ Work in patt for a further 6cm

Change to 4mm needles

□ Cont in patt until Back meas 30 (30, 31, 31, 32, 32, 33, 33) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

### SHAPE SLEEVES

Change to circular needle and

work back and forth in rows, keeping patt correct

□ Cast on seven sts at beg of next eight rows. 149 (156, 163, 170, 177, 184, 191, 198) sts

□ Cont in patt until Back meas 48 (49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a p row

### SHAPE UPPER SLEEVES AND SHOULDERS

□ Cast off seven sts at beg of next eight rows then 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) sts at beg of foll two rows. 81 (86, 91, 96, 101, 106, 111, 116) sts

□ Cast off 21 (23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32) sts at beg of next two rows

Leave rem 39 (40, 43, 44, 47, 48, 51, 52) sts on holder

### Left front

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 44 (51, 51, 58, 58, 65, 65, 72) sts

□ K three rows

Change to 4mm needles

□ Work in patt as for Back until Left front meas 7cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

Change to 3.25mm needles

□ Work in patt for a further 6cm

Change to 4mm needles

□ Cont in patt until Left front meas 30 (30, 31, 31, 32, 32, 33, 33) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

### SHAPE SLEEVE AND FRONT NECK

Change to circular needle and work flat in patt

□ Row 1: cast on seven sts, patt to last two sts, patt2tog

□ Row 2: work in patt

□ Rep last two rows three more times

### SHAPE FRONT NECK

□ Dec one st at neck edge on next and 12 (16, 14, 18, 16, 20, 18, 22) foll RS rows. 55 (58, 60, 63, 65, 68, 70, 73) sts

□ Cont in patt until Left front meas same as Back to upper sleeve shaping, ending at sleeve edge

### SHAPE UPPER SLEEVE AND SHOULDER

□ Cast off seven sts at beg of next and three foll RS rows. 27 (30, 32, 35, 37, 40, 42, 45) sts

□ Next row: work in patt

□ Cast off 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) sts at beg of next row. 21 (23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32) sts

□ Next row: work in patt

□ Cast off

The back and sleeves of Sophie are knitted all in one piece



## knitwise

**LET'S TWIST AGAIN:** Making a twisted cord is really easy. Just take a few strands of yarn, remembering that the thickness will be doubled when the cord is finished. Cut the lengths of yarn two-and-a-half to three times longer than the desired length of the finished cord and knot them together at both ends. Pin one end down and twist from the other end. Keep twisting until it is so tight that it begins to kink. Bring the knotted ends together and let the cord twist around itself. Secure the cord by tying the knotted ends together.



## Right front

❑ Work as for Left front to Sleeve and front neck shaping

### SHAPE SLEEVE AND FRONT NECK

Change to circular needle and work flat in patt

❑ Row 1: patt2tog, patt to end

❑ Row 2: cast on seven sts, patt to end

❑ Rep last two rows three more times. 68 (75, 75, 82, 82, 89, 89, 96) sts

❑ Next row: work in patt

### SHAPE FRONT NECK

❑ Dec one st at neck edge on next and 12 (16, 14, 18, 16, 20, 18, 22) foll RS rows. 55 (58, 60, 63, 65, 68, 70, 73) sts

❑ Cont in patt until Right front meas same as Back to upper sleeve shaping, ending at sleeve edge

### SHAPE UPPER SLEEVE AND SHOULDER

❑ Cast off seven sts at beg of next and three foll WS rows. 27 (30, 32, 35, 37, 40, 42, 45) sts

❑ Next row: work in patt

❑ Cast off 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) sts at beg of next row. 21 (23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32) sts

❑ Next row: work in patt

❑ Cast off

## Sleeve edgings

Join shoulder and upper sleeve seams

❑ Using 3.25mm needles and with RS facing, pick up and k 59 (59, 65, 65, 71, 71, 77, 77) sts evenly along Sleeve edge

❑ K four rows

❑ Cast off

## Front neck edging

❑ Using 3.25mm circular needle and with RS facing, pick up and k 110 (112, 114, 118, 120, 122, 124, 128) sts evenly up right side of front neck, k39 (40, 43, 44, 47, 48, 51, 52) sts from Back neck holder, pick up and k 110 (112, 114, 118, 120, 122, 124, 128) sts evenly down left side of Front. 259 (264, 271, 276, 287, 292, 299, 308) sts  
Work back and forth in rows as folls:

❑ K four rows

❑ Cast off

## To make up

Join side and sleeve seams.  
Make two twisted cords (see Knitwise), attach to centre Front to tie **LK**



Playsuit, £25, AX Paris at New Look,  
bracelets, £7.50, Marks & Spencer

*coming  
nextissue*

LIGHT AND AIRY LACE  
CARDIGAN IN ROWAN YARN

July issue of Let's Knit on sale  
Friday 6th June





## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

### Size (approx):

8-10 (12-14, 16-18, 20-22)

### Actual length after blocking (cm):

58 (61, 63, 65)

### Actual width after blocking (cm):

33 (37, 39, 43)

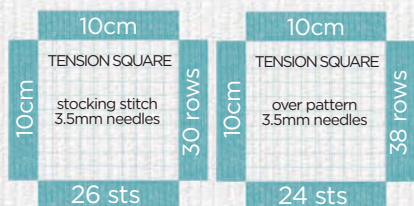
## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Fyberspates Scrumptious 4ply, shade 311 Flying Saucer, 1 (2, 2, 2) 100g skeins

**Needles:** 3mm, 3.5mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Row counter**



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Fyberspates Scrumptious 4ply** is a luxuriously soft yarn made up of 45% silk and 55% merino wool, which feels wonderfully indulgent next to your skin.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**Debbie Bliss Rialto 4ply** is a soft merino yarn in a wide range of fashionable colours. Try shade 36 Willow to match.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**Fyberspates Scrumptious 4ply** costs £15.98 per 100g (365m) skein from 01244 389310, [www.stashfineyarns.com](http://www.stashfineyarns.com)



**Debbie Bliss Rialto 4ply** costs £4.99 per 50g (180m) ball from 0800 505 3300, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)



*"This shrug is the perfect accessory for any outfit."*

*Whether you're wearing a party dress or jeans and a T-shirt, put this on to glam up. A must-have addition to all wardrobes."*

LK DESIGNER KELLY MENZIES

## LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE ACCESSORY PATTERN

*Ava* is a *pretty shrug* by *Kelly Menzies* that will instantly *transform* an outfit!

Indulge yourself in a luxurious silk and merino yarn to make this small, portable shrug.

It is ideal for rolling up in a bag to pop out when summer evenings turn chilly, or just for adding a little hint of colour to finish off an outfit. Its small size will also make it a great beginner lace project – just be sure to read through the instructions carefully first, and highlight those which are relevant to you.

## START KNITTING HERE

### Shrug

Using 3mm needles, cast on 74 (84, 90, 100) sts

□ Work in [k1, p1] rib for 2cm, ending after a WS row

### FIRST SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (inc): k4, \* m1, k5, rep from \* to end of row. 88 sts

### SECOND SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (inc): k1, \* m1, k6, m1, k5, rep from \* to last six sts, m1, k6. 99 sts

### THIRD SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (inc): k6, \* m1, k6, rep from \* to end of row. 104 sts

### FOURTH SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (inc): k1, \* m1, k7, rep from \* to last st, m1, k1. 115 sts

### ALL SIZES

Change to 3.5mm needles and cont as folls:

□ Rows 1-3: beg with a p row, work in st st

### FIRST AND THIRD SIZES ONLY

□ Row 4: k2, yfwd, k1, yfwd, \* [ssk] twice, sl 2, k1, p2sso, [k2tog] twice, [yfwd, k1] five times, yfwd, rep from \* to last five sts, [ssk] twice, k1

### SECOND AND FOURTH SIZES ONLY

□ Row 4: k1, [k1, yfwd] three times, \* [ssk] twice, sl 2, k1, p2sso, [k2tog] twice, [yfwd, k1] five times, yfwd, rep from \* to last 15 sts, [ssk] twice, sl 2, k1, p2sso, [k2tog] twice, [yfwd, k1] three times, k1

### ALL SIZES

□ Rep Rows 1-4 three times more

□ Rows 17-19: beg with a p row, work in st st

### FIRST AND THIRD SIZES ONLY

□ Row 20: k1, [k2tog] twice, \* [yfwd, k1] five times, yfwd, [ssk] twice, sl 2, k1, p2sso, [k2tog] twice, rep from \* to last three sts, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2

### SECOND AND FOURTH SIZES ONLY

□ Row 20: k1, [k2tog] three times, \* [yfwd, k1] five times, yfwd, [ssk] twice, sl 2, k1, p2sso, [k2tog] twice, rep from \* to last 12 sts, [yfwd, k1] five times, yfwd, [ssk] three times, k1

### ALL SIZES

□ Rows 21-32: rep Rows 17-20 three times

□ Rep Rows 1-32 five times more, then work a further 3 (11, 19, 27) rows in patt

Work should meas approx 51 (53.5, 55.5, 58) cm from top of rib

### ALL SIZES

Change to 3mm needles

### FIRST SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (dec): \* k4, k2tog, rep from \* to last four sts, k4. 74 sts

### SECOND SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (dec): \* k2tog, k5, rep from \* to last eight sts, k2tog, k4, k2tog. 84 sts

### THIRD SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (dec): \* k5, k2tog, rep from \* to last six sts, k6. 90 sts

### FOURTH SIZE ONLY

□ Next row (dec): k1, \* k2tog, k6, rep from \* to last ten sts, k2tog, k5, k2tog, k1. 100 sts

### ALL SIZES

□ Work in [k1, p1] rib for 2cm  
□ Cast off

## To make up

Weave in loose ends, wet-block to measurements, pinning lace section open. Fold shrug lengthwise, bringing long edges together. Place a marker 10 (11, 12, 13) cm from each end. Sew from each marker to the end to create armholes. Weave in loose ends and block again if necessary **LK**

This lace stitch is known as ostritch feather stitch





LUXURY  
LACE  
KNIT

## knitwise

**LACE UP:** Knitting lace is a fantastic summer pastime, with lighter yarn to work with and intricate patterns to keep the mind focused. If you haven't tried it before, then now is a brilliant time to start! Be sure to thread waste yarn through the stitches after each correct pattern repeat – this is called a life line, and it means that if you find yourself having to rip back work, all will not be lost! You may also need to tease out the work slightly as you knit, since the pattern puckers.

coming  
nextissue

CHARMAINE FLETCHER'S  
MOHAIR WRAP

July issue on sale Friday 6th June



Dress from a selection at Mango,  
Necklace from a selection at TopShop





# TEA Break

Refresh yourself with an iced mint water and enjoy what the LK community has to offer

## Knitters on THE NET

Here's what some of our fabulous online followers have been fashioning:



*Star make*

Every knitter I know has made these socks so I thought me too, me too! I can't get enough of my Mary Janes – they look like shiny new conkers!  
**Laura**

I love this little elephant, have knitted a few of these.  
**@sweetygreetings**



Bride and groom I've just knitted for my manager's daughter's upcoming wedding.  
**Julie Kearney**



My Baa-bara! **Knitaholic Knitter**



These little ladies.... **@Centerstage3**

## Upload and win!

Our Star Knit winner has bagged a gift tin set with a pattern, yarn and needles to make a neck warmer. Next month we've got a set of children's knitting accessories up for grabs. **www.giftinatin.com**



**@Letsknitmag** tweeted...

Who loves knitting toys? What's been your favourite toy to knit?

### You responded:

Topsy Turvy toys from Susan B. Anderson. They are soooo adorable.

**@KnittedGalaxy**

Jean Greenhowe's Santa. My Nana's signature make and our last joint project. That santa pattern means so much to me!

**@Dodgethecat**

It has to be a bunny I knitted for my Great Niece for her first birthday – I liked it so much I made myself one.

**@LizRankine1**

Follow **@Letsknitmag** to share your own thoughts

## Why I ♥ my local yarn shop

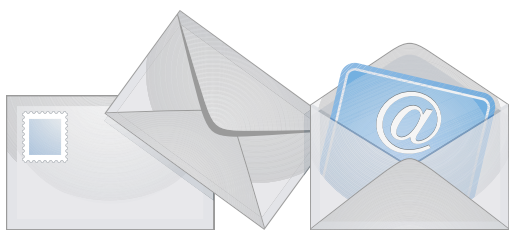
"Sue and Kate at Honora in Christchurch are so wonderful and helpful, especially to beginner knitters. Sue has treated me like another daughter and has given me so much support when I was stuck on my knitting. She is excellent and worthy of a mention."

**Jill Gray**



Let us know why you love your local yarn shop by emailing **katie.wilding@aceville.co.uk**





## Get involved!

Send tips and letters to  
**Let's Knit, 1 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester,  
Essex, CO2 8JY** or email [katie.wilding@aceville.co.uk](mailto:katie.wilding@aceville.co.uk)

# Over to YOU!

## Spinning around

I've wanted to have a go at spinning my own yarn for a long time. Thanks to Adrienne for writing the article in the April issue which finally convinced me to take the leap into spinning. This is a photo of me spinning my first skein, which was slightly chunky and lumpy. However, after a little more practice I am now on to plying my yarn. It really isn't as tricky as it looks and I would like to encourage anyone thinking about trying spinning to pick up a drop spindle and give it a go. Thanks to all at Let's Knit and keep up the good work!

**Angela Mayo via email**

Thank you for your letter, Angela. We're so glad that you're enjoying a new skill! It sounds like you're making great progress. Keep it up!



## Young talent

My nine year old daughter is learning to knit and thoroughly enjoying it, I on the other hand have never knitted more than a short scarf in my entire life. So, when I saw your magazine in my local newsagents with the Baa-bara free kit I knew it would be something my daughter would love. However, I decided to have a go at it myself. I sat there for a few hours, working my way through the pattern and checking YouTube for help with all the stitches as it was all foreign to me. I was so proud of myself when Baa-bara was finally completed. My first ever knitting project, the first ever time I have followed a pattern and now I have the knitting bug. Thank you for introducing me to such a relaxing, therapeutic, enjoyable past-time. I've already started my second Baa-bara and my next project will be Gladys (Let's Knit Issue 78). I hope you like the picture of my cute little lamb.

**Tammy Jones via email**

We are always thrilled to hear when another crafty soul becomes as obsessed with knitting as us. Welcome to the hours of knitty heaven ahead of you!



## First timer

I've just finished the Sabine French Chic cardi (Let's Knit Issue 66). I am absolutely thrilled! What a lovely addition for my daughter Victoria's spring wardrobe. It's my first cardigan ever.

**Lilia Miedwiecki via email**

Lilia, we all know how exhilarating it feels when a project is finished, especially a garment. Well done!



## Tip of the month

Freshen up your needles by giving them a clean with a baby wipe now and again. Don't forget those that have sat in your bag since the dark ages!

**AMANDA CHAMBERLAIN VIA EMAIL**  
Printed tips win a £10 voucher to spend online at Black Sheep Wools



## Read & relax

## Write and win!

This month our Star Letter writer has won a whopping 13 balls of Freedom 100% Wool from Twilley's of Stamford, along with a collection of accessories patterns.



## Flights of fancy

I thought you would like to see a doll I knitted for my best friend when she left the airline we work for. I work as a pilot, and my friend is cabin crew and I wanted to get her a gift to remember her time with us- so I designed and knitted a doll to look like her, and then copied our uniform exactly to make this! It was a bit of guesswork looking at photos of us all, but I finally got her looking realistic and my friend was over the moon with her gift, and certainly won't forget us for a long time! It was my first time designing from scratch after I started knitting 4 years ago.

**Daisy Overton via email**

Wow, Daisy, that's a really impressive first try! I bet your friend will treasure her lovely leaving gift for many years!



## As sure as eggs is eggs

I just thought you would like to see what I created for Easter! I work in a school and during my lunchtimes, instead of getting caught up with the chit chat I knitted each of the children in my class a little egg cosy. I personalised each cosy with their initial and added plaits if it was for a girl. I hope you like them as much as I do. Each little person took about an hour and a half, but was well worth the effort.

**Lynne Jones via email**

Lynne, no doubt the kids loved their gifts. Who doesn't enjoy eggs and soldiers for a breakfast treat?



## Tutti frutti

I thought you would like to see the bag and fruit I knitted for my friend's Grandson who is over from Canada. The fruit pattern was from Issue 41 of Let's Knit. I love the magazine and can't wait for it to land on the doormat every month!

**Fay McAllen via email**

We know the feeling Fay - it's a great day for us when the latest issue arrives in the office.



# NET Natter

Here's what's going on over at the forum

A wacky knitting bag from me, it's made with random yarn and I have picked out some of the colours to do the Fair Isle and beads. At least I won't lose it. **KnittingQueenUK**



I've just finished this lace top as a 50th birthday present. I hope she likes it. **BUD10**

Sign up to our forum [www.homecraftforums.com](http://www.homecraftforums.com) to find like-minded knitters and crocheters and enter our challenges

**NEXT FORUM CHALLENGE:** Knit something using oddments from your stash



My cathedral rose window Afghan, it is five feet in diameter and I backed it with polar fleece, a navy background and stars. It is so warm and a Christmas present for my daughter. **Stakreem**

## Question OF THE MONTH



Last month we asked if you have ever tried teaching children to knit, and 90% of you said you have! Here's what you had to say on the matter:

Tried to teach my left-handed grandson to knit. Failed!  
**Val Mackinnon**

I taught my daughter when she was nine. She's 12 now and can knit, purl, inc, dec and cast off. She can read a simple pattern too which is great. She still can't cast on though!

**The Wool Shop**

I'm teaching my four-year-old daughter to knit. She is currently knitting a scarf for her doll.

**Michelle Crisp**

Yes! My daughter got a knitting kit for her fifth birthday and she loves it.

**Laura Robertson**

This month we'd like to know do you take your knitting on holiday? Let us know at [www.letsknit.co.uk/poll](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/poll) and we'll reveal the statistic next month!



Come and join us on Facebook! Visit [www.facebook.com/letsknitmag](http://www.facebook.com/letsknitmag)



## Purls of WISDOM

By Claire Thomas

### Sew over it

To say that I'm good at putting things off is an understatement of overwhelming magnitude. I am outstanding. I moved into my house two years ago, and still haven't cleaned the oven. I am a past mistress of procrastination. But for everything, a time comes when you can't procrastinate any longer, and I'm having one of those moments right now. And this is the problem: I am seriously rubbish at sewing up. Seriously rubbish.

You might not think that this is too big a problem, and for years, I would have agreed with you, if only to successfully avoid having to do anything about it. But it is. Everything I knit looks great on the needles, just like it fell out of a pattern book. But five minutes with a darning needle and suddenly it looks all cobbled together and unpleasantly lumpy, like the scars of Frankenstein's monster. That's how you know it's made by hand. It's rare that I hear those ambrosial words, "Where did you buy that?" My clumsy seaming gives it away every time.

I'd just love to be able to make something that looks really spankingly smart, rather than something that looks like it was seamed by an orangutan with a hangover. I'd love to be able to proudly wear one of my sweaters out to town for lunch with a friend, instead of having to designate them all as "bespoke lounge wear," so that I don't even dare wear them for gardening lest the neighbours think that I've stolen my clothes from a homeless person. I'd love to feel just proud of what I've made, the effort I've put in, instead of feeling half proud and half - well, a bit disappointed.

So, for the week just gone, I've been exploring my options. I got out all of my books and studied the diagrams. I studied HARD. I was totally with it. Then as soon as I started trying to replicate them, we were back in botched and



lumpy territory. As it clearly wasn't working, I tried YouTube videos. I watched them closely, nose glued to my tablet screen, but again, it was hopeless.

An American friend to whom I unburdened myself (i.e. howled down the phone for an hour at) suggested that I should minimise the need to sew up by knitting in the round. "What a great idea!" I cried, "combining, as it does, total avoidance with something I can already competently do!" I was all set to go after this superb life hack, only to work out that a) I would still

have to do some seams, and therefore that there would still be a problem, and b) that I would have to supplement my massive collection of straight needles

with a lot more circular needles and DPNs in larger sizes, probably ordered from overseas and taking weeks to arrive. With this realisation, my howls down the phone reached such a crescendo that my American friend complained I'd perforated her eardrum.

But it wasn't all bad. In order to shut me up, she offered to come over and teach me to sew up properly. All I have to do is to provide tea and biscuits, which sounds like a good deal. I'm feeling optimistic. See you on the other side...of the seam.

**Claire Thomas is a freelance journalist and founder of Stitch 'n' Bitch group Knit Pickers.**

*"It's rare that I hear those ambrosial words, 'Where did you buy that?' My clumsy seaming gives it away every time."*



LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE HOMEWARES PATTERNS

# *Breton* is a nautical tea party set by Tina Barrett

CLASSIC  
GANSEY  
YARN



While it may not be advisable to make yourself a brew when on deck unless waters are calm, you can still channel maritime pleasures on shore with this tea, mug and cafetiere cosy set. It uses traditional Guernsey 5ply yarn, and features classic stripes and gansey stitch patterns, inspired by fishermen's jumpers. That just leaves the question – tea or coffee? Whatever floats your boat, you're sure to be left bouyed up and wanting moor. Anchors aweigh!

START KNITTING ON P64



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Mug cosies:** Diameter: 13cm

Height: 8cm

**Cafetiere cosy:** Diameter: 14cm

Height: 16cm

**Teacosy:** Diameter: 21cm

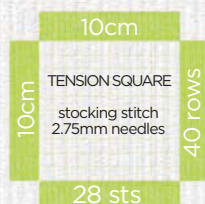
Height (excluding pompom): 18cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Wendy Guernsey 5ply, (A) shade 674 Atlantic Blue, (B) shade 500 Aran, (C) shade 590 Crimson, one 100g ball of each

**Needles:** 2.75mm

**Buttons:** 2mm, round, anchor motif, two; 2mm, round, wooden, one



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Wendy Guernsey 5ply** is a 100% wool yarn which knits to the traditional tension used for fishermen's gansey sweaters. It is hand wash only, so treat carefully.

### Need an alternative yarn?



**Frangipani Guernsey 5ply** is a 100% wool yarn which is made from British breeds, and spun in Yorkshire. It comes in 26 colours and 500g cones – two will be enough to make a whole gansey!

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



10% off

**Wendy Guernsey 5ply** costs £5.69 per 100g (224m) ball from 0800 488 0708,

[www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

For 10% off all orders at Deramores see the outside back cover



**Frangipani Guernsey 5ply** costs £26 per 500g (1097m) from 07703 832244, [www.theyarncafe.com](http://www.theyarncafe.com)



## START KNITTING HERE

### STRIPY MUG COSY

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 63 sts

- ❑ Work two rows in st st
- ❑ Row 3 (picot): k2, (y fwd, k2tog) to last st, k1
- ❑ Row 4: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- ❑ Row 5: k
- ❑ Row 6: as Row 4
- ❑ Rows 7-8: k

- Join in yarn C
- ❑ Work Rows 5-6
- Join in yarn B
- ❑ Work Rows 5-6
- Last four rows form stripe patt
- ❑ Rep last four rows until mug cosy reaches underside of top half of handle
- ❑ Using yarn A, work four rows in garter st
- ❑ Cast off

### To make up

Weave in loose yarn ends, fold up lower picot edge to inside of work and slip stitch in place. Using 2.5mm crochet hook, make 14ch, fasten off. Fold cosy in half and stitch crochet chain to top garter stitch edge to make a button loop. Stitch up lower picot edge at bottom edge of cosy. Sew anchor button in place at top of cosy just in front of top part of handle

### CAFETIERE COSY

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 77 sts

- ❑ Work as for mug cosy until cosy reaches underside of top half of cafetiere handle
- ❑ Cast off

### Belt

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 15 sts

- ❑ Work in garter st until Belt meas 41cm
- ❑ Next row (buttonhole): k6, y fwd, k2tog, k7
- ❑ K one row
- ❑ Dec one st at each end of next and foll alt rows until five sts rem
- ❑ Cast off

### To make up

Finish as for mug cosy. Stitch Belt along one side edge of middle of cafetiere cosy making sure to centre it between handle and joining after two-stitch border. Wrap Belt around centre of cafetiere and mark button position. Sew on anchor button and fasten Belt

### GANSEY MUG COSY

Using 2.75mm needles, cast on 60 sts in yarn C

- ❑ Rows 1-6: work in (k2, p2) rib
- ❑ Rows 7-9: k
- ❑ Row 10: p

- ❑ Rows 11-13: k
- ❑ Row 14: p
- ❑ Row 15: (p3, k3) to end
- ❑ Row 16: (k3, p3) to end
- ❑ Rows 17-18: work in st st
- ❑ Row 19: (k3, p3) to end
- ❑ Row 20: (p3, k3) to end
- ❑ Rows 21-22: work in st st
- ❑ Rows 23-24: p
- ❑ Row 25: k
- ❑ Rows 26-28: p
- ❑ Rows 29-34: work in (k2, p2) rib
- ❑ Cast off in rib

### Strap

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- ❑ Row 1: k
- ❑ Row 2: k2, p to last two sts, k2
- ❑ Join in yarn B and rep Rows 1-2
- ❑ Rep last four rows five times
- ❑ Using yarn A, rep Rows 1-2
- Change to yarn B and work buttonhole as folls:
- ❑ Next row: k4, cast off two sts [one st on RH needle after gap], k3. Eight sts
- ❑ Next row: k2, p2, cast on two sts, p2, k2. Ten sts
- ❑ Using yarn A, rep Rows 1-2
- ❑ Cast off

### To make up

Weave in loose yarn ends, fold mug cosy in half and sew rib edges together at top and bottom. Sew one end of middle strap along one side edge of mug cosy, taking care



to centre it between handle. Wrap Strap around mug and mark position of button. Sew button in place and fasten

TEACOSY

(make two)  
Using 2.75mm needles and yarn C, cast on 68 sts  
□ Work in (k2, p2) rib for eight rows  
□ Work Chart six times, then Rows 1-2 again

SHAPE CROWN

□ K two rows  
□ Next row: (k2, k2tog) to end. 51 sts  
□ Next row: p  
□ K two rows  
□ Next row: (k1, k2tog) to end. 34 sts  
□ Next row: p  
□ K two rows  
□ Next row: (k2tog) to end. 17 sts  
□ Next row: p  
□ K two rows  
□ Next row: k1, (k2tog) to end. Nine sts  
□ Next row: p  
□ Next row: k1, (k2tog) to end. Five sts  
□ Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through tapestry needle, draw through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

To make up

Weave in loose yarn ends, place both pieces together and sew 2.5cm up from bottom edge on either side. Sew down from crown about 8cm on either side of cosy. Check for fit on teapot before fastening off. Make a large red pompom, sew securely in place to top of teacosy **LK**

KEY

- RS: knit  
WS: purl
- RS: purl  
WS: knit

knitwise

BUTTON-HULLS

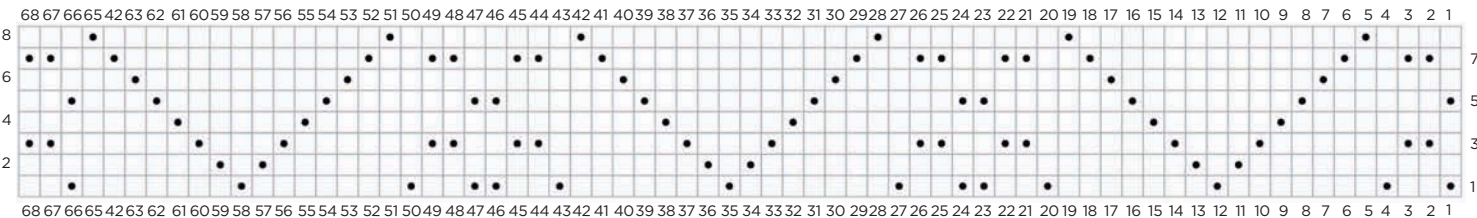
Casting on in the middle of a row might sound strange to beginner knitters, but there is a simple way to create neat, strong buttonholes (excuse the nautical pun above – we couldn't resist!) The cable cast-on is very similar to the traditional two-needle method that many learn to knit with, but you simply place your right-hand needle between the stitches on your left-hand needle, rather than through the loop. See p91 for illustrations.

*"We always encourage adapting patterns to suit your own tastes. Why not work the picot edge for the top of your stripey cosies, or add a few extra buttons?"*

LK EDITORIAL ASSISTANT AMY ADAMS



GANSEY TEACOSY CHART



Join the world's busiest online craft community today! [www.busymitts.com](http://www.busymitts.com)



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Needle roll:** 46cm wide x  
38cm deep

### KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Rowan Purelife Revive, shade  
476 Peridot, two 50g balls

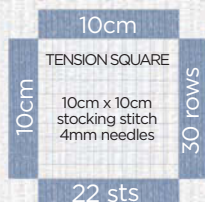
**Needles:** 4mm

**Fabric:** Amy Butler Coriander in  
Seagreen, 40cm

**Felt:** 10cm x 10cm

**Ricrac:** 95cm

**NOTE:** not all of the second ball is  
required



### ABOUT THE YARN

**Rowan Revive** is a DK yarn that  
blends 36% silk, 36% cotton and  
28% viscose, with all the fibres in  
it recycled from the fashion  
industry. This gives the yarn a  
lovely tweed texture with  
coloured neeps throughout.  
Choose from 14 shades.

#### Need an alternative yarn?

For a different effect, try **Sirdar  
Summer Stripes**. It's also a DK,  
but mixes 60% cotton with  
40% acrylic for a soft, light  
yarn. It's dyed into fabulous  
colour patterns and comes in  
eight shades.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



Rowan Revive costs £5.85 per  
50g (125m) ball from 01925  
764231,  
[www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)



**Sirdar Summer Stripes**  
costs £3.50 per 50g  
(158m) ball from  
0131 558 1747,  
[www.mcadirect.com](http://www.mcadirect.com)

## LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE HOMEWARES PATTERN

# Celadon

is a pretty  
yet practical roll for your needles,  
designed by *Siân Brown*

There's something very satisfying about keeping your  
crafty tools in a handmade holder, and this needle roll  
is really simple to make. It's perfect for beginners as it  
just uses knit and purl stitches, with no shaping at all. It's also  
a great project to satisfy your stitching urges now The Great  
British Sewing Bee has ended!



## knitwise

**JOINING IN YARN:** When you  
introduce your second ball of  
yarn, try to join it in at the  
beginning of the row, so you  
have a neat finish. To do this,  
insert your RH needle into the  
first stitch of the row. Lay the  
new yarn over the top of the tail  
of the first ball, then start  
knitting. Remember to weave in  
the ends to create a secure join.





**QUICK  
AND EASY  
PROJECT!**

## START KNITTING HERE

### Needle roll

Using 4mm needles, cast on 101 sts

- ❑ Row 1: (k1, p1) to last st, k1  
This row sets moss st
- ❑ Rep Row 1 nine times more
- ❑ Next row (RS): moss 8, k to last eight sts, moss to end
- ❑ Next row: moss 8, p to last eight sts, moss to end  
These two rows set st st with moss st border
- ❑ Cont as set until work meas 35cm from cast-on edge
- ❑ Work ten rows in moss st
- ❑ Cast off in moss st

### To make up

Press according to yarn band instructions. Cut fabric the same size as knitted piece. Fold over raw edges and pin, so fabric sits just inside moss stitch border on the wrong

side. Sew edges in place. Cut fabric 28cm wide x 33cm deep. Fold raw edges over and pin, so fabric measures 23cm wide x 27cm deep. This will be the main knitting needle holder. Cut fabric 20cm wide x 19cm deep. Fold over the edges and pin, so fabric measures 15cm wide x 14cm deep. Place second piece of fabric on larger piece and sew in place, leaving top part open. Stitch vertical lines to divide compartments. Using photo as a guide, place third piece of fabric in place and sew, leaving top open. Attach felt square in place, as shown. Pin and sew whole fabric section to wrong side of knitted piece inside moss stitch border. Sew 45cm of ricrac or ribbon in place on right side of knitted fabric. Roll up needle roll and sew 40cm of ricrac on outside to correspond with first tie **LK**



*"You could either choose a lining fabric that is a similar colour to your yarn, or opt for a contrasting material that will look really striking."*

**LK DEPUTY EDITOR** ADRIENNE CHANDLER



## Love this?

For more sewing projects for all skill levels, check out the new look June issue of our sister magazine, Sew. Find tutorials and masterclasses for a range of techniques, plus a **FREE** Simplicity doll pattern, bonus The Great British Sewing Bee top pattern to download, and items to stitch for the home and family. It's on sale now! [www.sewmag.co.uk](http://www.sewmag.co.uk)





# Take CARE

Amy Adams investigates how to keep your knits looking their best

**S**o much love and work goes into knitting garments, it would be a crime to allow them to deteriorate over time. Now is the perfect opportunity to make sure they are cared for properly - imagine the horror of finding that your painstakingly knitted Fair Isle jumper has been eaten by moths come next winter!





## The basics

- Never hang your knits, as they will lose shape. Always fold or roll!
- Keep one of the ball bands from each project, so that you can instantly find the care instructions. It is important to always follow these carefully, particularly if a yarn requires hand washing.
- If your piece uses natural fibres, then do not wash too often, as this will wear out the materials –

try to limit it to once a season, or when the garment becomes soiled. Sometimes, airing it outside to freshen it up is all you need to do.

- Always make sure that your knits are completely dry before storing them for long periods of time – you may even want to keep them in zip-lock bags to prevent all risk of damage!



## No more moths!

Moths are naturally attracted to wool, so it's vital to deter them from your knits! Luckily, there is no need to invest in mothballs, which smell sickly and can be dangerous for young children or pets. Instead, try storing your knits with lavender. This natural remedy doesn't just smell lovely – it also repels moths! Try picking up these beautifully embroidered lavender hearts from Karenza & Co for £9.50 each from **01252 621145, [www.karenzaandco.com](http://www.karenzaandco.com)**. Or why not knit your own lavender pouch to store in your wardrobe? Scent the stuffing with lavender oils, or order dried lavender from **01653 648008, [www.lavenderworld.co.uk](http://www.lavenderworld.co.uk)**. Remember that if you are buying furniture, then cedar wood is a good choice – there is oil in the wood which kills small larvae.

## What a pill!

Pilling is the name given to the clumps of fibre which build up on the surface of a knitted garment. The pills are caused when excess fibres come loose from the yarn, which usually happens to softer, more expensive materials such as cashmere and alpaca. Bad news for those of us with a taste for the luxurious!

But don't panic – the problem is by no means permanent. The best way to remove the pills is to shave them away using an electric razor, as pulling them out with velcro or masking tape may encourage more fibres to come loose.

Any electric razor will be fine, but you can even get clothes shavers specifically designed for the job! Pick one up for just £8 from John Lewis at **[www.johnlewis.com](http://www.johnlewis.com)**



## Reader tips

We asked for your tips on caring for your knits – here's what you had to say!

**Lavender soap – helps keep those pesky moths away + smells nice too! Can be placed in cupboards/shelves with knitted clothes. @saralai, Twitter**

*I find simple is better and cost effective. I keep my finished knits in a box with a lid. It stops them getting crushed, being sat on by my cats, or being colour faded by the sun! Jenni PixiePirate Hall, Facebook*

*I store my stash in Zip-Loc bags, but handknits are*

**neatly folded in the cupboard. @SpinsNeedles, Twitter**

*Well, I recently finished an aran cardigan, and the garment is really heavy. If it was hung up, it'd sag and stretch, so as simple as it sounds, just keep it neatly folded in a drawer until it's going to be used. Robyn Jinxie Powell, Facebook*

**@soakwash and padded coathangers! I rinse all my yarn in Soak as well. @EdenCottage, Twitter**

## Hand wash only

There is an art to handwashing knits, especially if they are made with natural fibres or use delicate lacy stitches. But you won't go wrong with this simple step-by-step guide!



**1** Fill a bowl with tepid water, add one teaspoon of Eucalan, and mix well. Submerge the garment, and leave to soak for 15 minutes. If your piece contains more than one colour and the dye is likely to run then try using Dylan colour catcher sheets – you can get find them at most supermarkets. Check this by wetting a piece of white cloth and pressing against the coloured area to see whether the colour transfers.



**2** Do not lift the garment when wet, as this may distort the shape. Instead, tip the water out of the bowl with the garment still inside, and press down to release as much excess water as possible. Lay the piece flat on a towel, folding if necessary. Roll the towel with the garment inside, pressing down firmly. Never twist or wring while wet.



**3** Lay the garment flat on blocking mats or a towel, and begin pinning to measurements. Keep edges straight by using pins a few centimetres apart, as close to the edge as possible. Leave to dry naturally, and marvel at the difference blocking makes to your finished stitch pattern!

Buy a pack of nine KnitPro Lace Blocking Mats for £26 from **01603 788038, [www.brownberryyarns.co.uk](http://www.brownberryyarns.co.uk)**

One 100ml bottle of Eucalan costs £3.74 from **0117 300 5211, [www.getknitted.com](http://www.getknitted.com)**





Brand New!

# Rag Dolly Laura Kitazine



**Make it TODAY**

**A SWEET CHARACTER TO SEW AND KEEP**

**ALL YOU NEED TO SEW A FRIEND AND HER PALS**

**Rag Dolly Laura**

**STITCH YOUR OWN LOVABLE**

**ALSO INCLUDES:**  
top tips and templates for the

**ONLY £10.99 INC DELIVERY\***



Complete with pre-printed doll and pretty patterned fabric, this kit offers a simple way to create a timeless rag doll and a wardrobe of clothes for her to wear. The fabric comes with a beautifully illustrated publication, containing simple-to-follow step-by-step instructions to help new stitchers take their first foray into doll making, and established ones produce a satisfying quick-make. In addition, there are top tips, hints and templates, plus a range of bonus projects.

\*postage cost included.

**ORDER YOURS TODAY ONLINE OR BY PHONE**  
**ACEVILLE.COM/BOOKAZINES 0844 844 0381**



LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE TOY PATTERN

# *Flopsy* is a snuggly little baby rattle by *Jane Burns*

This darling little bunny is the perfect toy, comforter and friend for your little one. The suggested yarn is a standard DK gauge but the needle size has been greatly reduced to produce a sturdy fabric for the rattle. If you've never knitted in the round on double-pointed needles before, this is a great little project to try it out for the first time. If you're unsure, ignore the stripe pattern and go for one shade of yarn while you get the hang of it.

START KNITTING ON P72

**QUICK**  
BABY  
KNIT



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Height: 16cm

### KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** James C. Brett Cotton On DK, (A) shade CO2 Cream, (B) shade CO8 Dark Pink, (C) shade CO5 Light Pink, one 50g ball of each

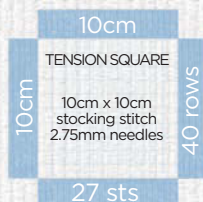
**Needles:** 2.75mm double-pointed, set of four

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Small rattle or bell**

**Two sweet wrappers (eg. Roses chocolates)**

**Tapestry needle**



### ABOUT THE YARN

**James C. Brett Cotton On DK** is a 50/50 cotton/acrylic blend that is great for year-round knitting. It's lovely and light so is ideal for babies or for summer garments.

**Need an alternative yarn?**

**King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK** is a lovely soft yarn with a slight sheen. It comes in fantastic vibrant shades – perfect for catching babies' attention.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**James C. Brett Cotton On DK** costs £1.85 per 50g (145m) ball from 01789 773021, [www.wisebadger.com](http://www.wisebadger.com)



**King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK** costs £7.15 per 100g (230m) ball from 01829 740903, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)



*"Make sure you sew all the seams well and attach the ears securely - babies can be more destructive than we think!"*

**LK DESIGNER** JANE BURNS

## knitwise

**CARRIED AWAY:** To avoid wasting yarn by cutting it each time you start a new colour, we recommend carrying it up the side of the work when working stripes like this. This will save you time too.



### START KNITTING HERE

#### Head

Using 2.75mm dpns and yarn A, cast on eight sts, distribute over three needles and join into the rnd, taking care not to twist sts

□ Rnd 1 and foll alt rnds: k

□ Rnd 2: (k2, m1) four times. 12 sts

□ Rnd 4: (k3, m1) four times. 16 sts

□ Rnd 6: (k4, m1) four times. 20 sts

□ Rnd 8: k

□ Rnd 9: (k5, m1) four times. 24 sts

□ Rnds 10-12: k

□ Rnd 13: (k6, m1) four times. 28 sts

□ Rnds 14-16: k

□ Rnd 17: (k7, m1) four times. 32 sts

□ Rnds 18-22: k

□ Rnd 23: (k4, k2tog) five times, k2. 27 sts

□ Rnd 24 and foll alt rnds: k

□ Rnd 25: (k3, k2tog) five times, k2. 22 sts

□ Rnd 27: (k2, k2tog) five times, k2. 17 sts

Stuff Head and insert rattle or bell

□ Rnd 29: (k1, k2tog) five times, k2. 12 sts

□ Rnd 30: (k2tog) six times. Six sts

□ Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

#### Body (worked flat)

**NOTE:** body is worked in st st throughout

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on 14 sts  
Beg with a k row, work in st st and stripe sequence as follows:

□ Rows 1-4: yarn B

□ Rows 5-8: yarn C

□ Rows 9-12: yarn A

□ Work Rows 1-12 four times more

□ Rep Rows 1-4 once more

□ Cast off

#### Ears (make two in yarn B and two in yarn C)

Using 2.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on seven sts

□ Rows 1-8: beg with a k row, work in st st

□ Row 9: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3. Nine sts

□ Row 10 and foll alt rows: p

□ Row 11: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4. 11 sts

□ Row 13: k

□ Row 15: k4, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k4. Nine sts

□ Row 17: k3, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k3. Seven sts

□ Row 19: k2, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k2. Five sts

□ Cast off

#### To make up

##### HEAD

Sew running st around cast-on edge, pull tight to gather and secure end

##### BODY

Weave in ends, bring side edges together and mattress stitch to form a tube, stuff as you go

#### EAR

Use mattress stitch to sew one Ear of each colour together. Leave bottom edge open, insert folded sweet wrapper into Ear and sew bottom closed, fold bottom of Ear in half and sew in position. Repeat for second Ear, reversing colours (see photo)

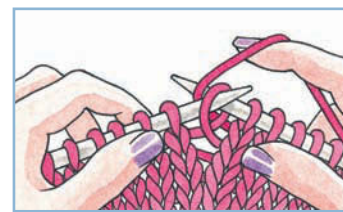
#### FACE

Embroider face using yarn B and attach Ears to top of Head (see photo as guide). Fold Body in half and sew to underside of Head **LK**

#### Make one (m1)



1 Insert the left needle into the horizontal bar of yarn lying between the stitch just knitted and the next stitch to be knitted. Hook and lift it with the needle tip in a backwards direction (away from you).



2 Push the right needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the left needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the right needle.





### BABY BEAR

These adorable bear kits use the pretty pastel colours of Peter Pan Merino Baby DK to create gorgeous teddies for little ones. Choose from a simple dungaree pattern, or a basic lace dress to complete this new friend. Stuffing not included. Each kit has an RRP of £13.50. Go to [www.tbramsden.co.uk](http://www.tbramsden.co.uk) or call 01943 872264 for stockists.



### MONKEY BUSINESS

Using luxury soft 100% lambswool yarn, this cute monkey kit by Warm Pixie is ideal for those interested in learning to crochet! Due to small parts, the finished toy is unsuitable for young children. One kit costs £22.50 from 0845 259 1359, [www.notonthehighstreet.com](http://www.notonthehighstreet.com)

### ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Put on a performance with these crocheted hand puppet kits by Rico Design, including Paul the Panda, Mary the Bear, and Peter the Rabbit. One kit costs £11.99 from 01925 764231, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)



# THE Toy Chest

Rediscover the joys of playtime with these cute knitting kits!

**H**andpuppets, dolls, cuddly toys... there's a whole world of quirky characters out there just waiting for the magic of imagination! We've collected some of our favourite toy kits, each containing all the materials required to make the finished item. However, always be careful when knitting for little ones – embroider facial features if necessary, and do not give small parts to under-fives.



### FAERY PRINCESS

Learn to juggle with The Little Knitting Company's series of quirky knitting kits – including the most recent addition, a pretty Faery with a crown and delicate lace wings. Each kit costs £17.95 from 01367 710362, [www.thelittleknittingcompany.co.uk](http://www.thelittleknittingcompany.co.uk)



### PLAYING DRESS UP

Nina by Bergere de France comes with the yarn needed to make her hair and clothes. Choose from three outfits, and then why not encourage kids to start designing their own? One kit costs £12.60 from [www.bergeredefrance.co.uk](http://www.bergeredefrance.co.uk)



AGES 5+

### CHEEKY OR SHY?

With odd eyes and and goofy teeth, the Cheeky Monster and Shy Koala kits from Gift Horse Kits are wonderful playtime companions. Get one kit for £16 or both for £29.50 from 01874 665 647, [www.gifthorsekits.co.uk](http://www.gifthorsekits.co.uk)



### GOING DOWN UNDER

Carla is a friendly koala kit, made using Juey's undyed poodle yarn. The soft bouclé yarn uses 100% British wool, spun right here in the UK. Carla's embroidered features make her suitable for children. One kit costs £24.99 from 01422 647574, [www.juey.co.uk](http://www.juey.co.uk)







Fishermen's Wool is made of pure undyed, virgin wool with natural lanolin oil ... perfect for knitting, felting and dying!

Distributed in the UK by Hantex Ltd...for details of your nearest stockist visit [www.hantex.co.uk/lionbrand](http://www.hantex.co.uk/lionbrand)

**Hantex**  
Knit Sew Craft

# SILVER REED

KNITTING MACHINES

## Modern Knitting Machines

If you're feeling creatively inspired to make quality knitwear, then Silver Reed have the products to make it happen. These are two popular models from our range:



### The Silver Reed LK150

- Excellent value for money
- Simplicity of design and ease of use
- Make knitwear for all seasons and sizes using the full 150 needle width
- Knit with medium to super-thick yarns
- Smooth operation
- Lightweight and simple to assemble



### The Silver Reed SK280

- Standard Gauge Punchcard machine
- Smooth, trouble-free and durable
- Produce expert results with ease
- Upgrade with a range of accessories
- Stitch types include Fair Isle, Single Motif, Punch Lace, Tuck, Slip, Weaving and Plating

For your nearest stockist and expert advice, please contact Silver Viscount on 01933 311888 or [enquiries@silverviscount.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@silverviscount.co.uk).

[www.silverviscount.co.uk](http://www.silverviscount.co.uk)





LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE ACCESSORIES PATTERN

# Silverstone

by *Jane Burns* is the perfect gift for *Father's Day*

The neat cables on this pair of socks are reminiscent of tyre treads, so are just the thing for your motor-mad friends and family. They're worked in the round on double-pointed needles, which is actually much easier than it looks. Remember not to pull the yarn too tightly when knitting your cables as the leg still needs to stretch.

**GREAT  
GIFT  
IDEA**

START KNITTING ON P76



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

To fit men's foot size: medium-large

Toe to back heel: 26cm

Cuff to heel: 21cm

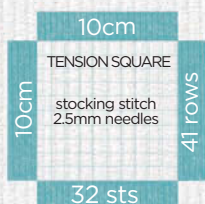
Leg circumference: 30cm when stretched

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Bergere De France Goomy 50, shade 29567 Beluga, two 50g balls

**Needles:** 2.5mm double-pointed, set of five

**Cable needle**



## ABOUT THE YARN

**Bergere De France Goomy 50** is a 4ply sock yarn that blends 75% superwash wool and 25% polyamide. It comes in 14 solid and variegated colourways including some self-patterning options, that knit into stripes and Fair Isle patterns.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**Regia 4ply** is a similar yarn, but it comes in 100g balls. That means you can knit a whole pair of socks from just one ball. It comes in solid shades, including several nice blues, as well as a range of variegated colourways.

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**C4F:** sl next two sts on to cn, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cn

**C4B:** sl next two sts on to cn, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cn

**C3R:** sl next two sts on to cn, hold at back of work, k1, k2 from cn

**C3L:** sl next st on to cn, hold at front of work, k2, k1 from cn

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**Bergere De France Goomy 50** costs £3.56 per 50g (215m) ball from 01273 508768, [www.cocoonknits.co.uk](http://www.cocoonknits.co.uk)

**Regia 4ply** costs £7.49 per 100g (420m) ball from 0845 576 0007, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)



## START KNITTING HERE

### Sock

Using 2.5mm dpns, cast on 72 sts using long tail cast-on method, divide sts evenly over four needles (18 sts on each needle), join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts

□ Rnds 1-8: \* (p2, k2)

twice, (p2, k4) three times, (p2, k2) twice, p2, rep from \* once more

□ Work Rows 1-6 of Chart 11 times [rep Chart twice across rnd] or until leg is desired length

□ Work Rows 1-5 from Chart

□ Next rnd: work Row 6 of Chart across N1 and N2

### HEEL FLAP

Transfer N4 sts on to N3, work back and forth on next 36 sts (N3) only

□ Row 1 (RS): \* sl 1, k1, rep from \* to end

□ Row 2: sl 1, p to end

□ Rep Rows 1-2 a further 17 times

### TURN HEEL

□ Row 1: k19, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 2: sl 1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn

□ Row 3: sl 1, k4, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 4: sl 1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn

□ Row 5: sl 1, k6, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 6: sl 1, p7, p2tog, p1, turn

□ Row 7: sl 1, k8, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 8: sl 1, p9, p2tog, p1, turn

□ Row 9: sl 1, k10, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 10: sl 1, p11, p2tog,

p1, turn

□ Row 11: sl 1, k12, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 12: sl 1, p13, p2tog,

p1, turn

□ Row 13: sl 1, k14, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 14: sl 1, p15, p2tog,

p1, turn

□ Row 15: sl 1, k16, ssk, k1, turn

□ Row 16: sl 1, p17, p2tog, p1,

turn. 20 sts

□ Next row: k10, pm for new beg of rnd

### HEEL GUSSET

□ Using an empty dpn, k rem ten heel sts, using same needle

### CABLE PATTERN CHART

36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
•	•			V	V			•	•																	•	•			V	V			•	•
•	•			V	V			•	•																	•	•			V	V			•	•
•	•			V	V			•	•																	•	•			V	V			•	•
•	•			V	V			•	•																	•	•			V	V			•	•
•	•			V	V			•	•																	•	•			V	V			•	•
•	•			V	V			•	•																	•	•			V	V			•	•

### Key

□ knit □ C4F □ C4B • purl V slip purlwise □ C3R □ C3L



pick up and k 19 sts along side of heel flap. N1: 29 sts

□ Using an empty dpn, work first 18 sts of Row 1 of Chart.

N2: 18 sts

□ Using an empty dpn, work

rest of Row 1 of Chart. N3: 18 sts

□ Using an empty dpn, pick up

and k 19 sts along side of heel

flap, using same needle k rem

ten heel sts. N4: 29 sts

### SHAPE GUSSET

□ Rnd 1 (dec): N1: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1, N2 and N3: work Row 2 of Chart, N4: k1, ssk, k to end

□ Rnd 2: N1: k, N2 and N3:

work Row 3 of Chart, N4: k

□ Rep Rnds 1-2 working appropriate row of Chart over N2 and N3 until 72 sts rem

### FOOT

□ Cont to work Rnd 2 only



*"Measure a pair of his existing socks from heel to toe to work out how long the foot should be on your knitted pair"*

LK DEPUTY EDITOR ADRIENNE CHANDLER

(working appropriate row of Chart) until foot meas desired length, ending after Row 6 of Chart

### TOE SET UP

□ Next rnd: k18, p2, k6, p2, k16,

p2, k6, p2, k18

□ Next rnd: as previous rnd

### TOE SHAPING

□ Rnd 1 (dec): N1: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1, N2: k1, ssk, k to end, N3: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1, N4: k1, ssk, k to end

□ Rnd 2: k

□ Rep Rnds 1-2 until 48 sts rem

□ Work Rnd 1 only until 28 sts rem

□ Using N4, k across sts on N1, sl N3 sts on to N2. 14 sts over two dpns

□ Graft toe using Kitchener st (see p91)

Weave in ends and block **LK**



# Giveaways

Look at these incredible prizes worth over £800!



## Navia Wool Care

If our 'Take Care' feature (p68) caught your interest, you'll be looking for ways to protect your handknits. Navia Wool Care from The Island Wool Company contains pure organic lanolin to replace the natural oils lost during washing. This liquid soap is produced on the Faroe Islands and based on renewable vegetable raw materials. As well as a bottle each of Machine Wash and Hand Wash, the Island Wool Company is also giving away five balls of gorgeous Navia 100% wool yarn with each bundle. For more information, go to [www.islandwool.co.uk](http://www.islandwool.co.uk)

☒ Navia

two to win



## Saving Grace

We're giving one lucky reader a delicious bundle of Louisa Harding Grace Hand Beaded, courtesy of LoveKnitting. The bundle includes ten hanks of this handcrafted yarn, in Chocolate, Turmeric and Russet shades, all of which are a beautifully soft blend of silk, merino, polyester and glass beads.

[www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

☒ Louisa Harding



## Knitting notes

The lovely people at madebyellis.com are offering five of our readers a personalised knitting notebook! Winners can have their name and chosen second line printed

on the cover of this hardback lined notebook which has a storage pocket, pen holder, ribbon bookmark and elastic closure band!

[www.madebyellis.com](http://www.madebyellis.com)

☒ Knitting notes

Win amazing goodies!

## Never grow up

Those of you who knit for little ones will love this collection of patterns and yarn from Peter Pan. Each winner will receive a Peter Pan pattern collection, and enough yarn to make a child's striped hoody featured in the book. You can even choose which colour of yarn you would like! [www.tbramsden.co.uk](http://www.tbramsden.co.uk)

☒ Peter Pan

three to win



worth £89.99

## I can see clearly now

If you find you're always straining your eyes when knitting in poor light or trying to focus on an intricate design, we've got just the thing for you! Daylight's new LED magnifying lamp, MAGnificent can be used in three different height positions so can be adjusted to wherever you're knitting. You can even use the base to store little notions and other bits and pieces. To find out more, go to [www.daylightcompany.com](http://www.daylightcompany.com)

☒ Daylight

# Online giveaways worth £300!

We have even more fantastic prizes to be won! These giveaways can only be entered online at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk).

- Ten pairs of tickets to Fibre-East, Bedford, 26th-27th July. [www.fibre-east.co.uk](http://www.fibre-east.co.uk)
- Assortment of four knitting looms from

[www.knituk.com](http://www.knituk.com), worth £15.50

- Ten pairs of tickets to The Great British Craft Festival, Warwickshire, 10th August. [www.greatbritishcraft.co.uk](http://www.greatbritishcraft.co.uk)
- Four darning accessories sets from Hemline, worth £28

# Let's knit

## Giveaway form

To enter our giveaways, just tick the box (or boxes) corresponding with the prize you want to win and send your entry to us, to arrive no later than 12/06/14. **Mark your envelope:** Let's Knit, June Giveaways, PO Box 443, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP2 8WG

- ☐ Louisa Harding ☐ Daylight  
☐ Peter Pan ☐ Navia  
☐ Knitting notes

1. Why did you decide to buy this issue? (tick all that apply)

- ☐ I'm a subscriber ☐ I liked the free gift ☐ I liked the cover projects ☐ I buy every issue ☐ Recommended by a friend  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete your contact details:**

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/other \_\_\_\_\_ Forename \_\_\_\_\_  
Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Postcode \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth day \_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_

This competition is open to all UK residents aged 18 or over, excluding employees or agents of the associated companies and their families. The prize detailed in each competition cannot be exchanged for goods, or towards the purchase of goods at any retail outlet. It cannot be exchanged for cash, or replaced if lost or damaged. Illegible entries and those that do not abide by these T&Cs will be disqualified. Prizes must be taken as stated and cannot be deferred. The decision of the judge is final and no correspondence will be entered into. Winners will be notified by 01/08/14, a list of winners will be available on request in writing from Andrea Turner, 21/23 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY

Your details will be processed by Aceville Publications Ltd (publishers of Let's Knit) in full accordance with data protection legislation. All entries become the property of Aceville Publications Ltd, publishers of Let's Knit. Aceville Publications Ltd and sister companies may wish to contact you with information of other services and publications we provide which may be of interest. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐. From time to time Aceville Publications will share details with other reputable companies who provide products and services that may be of interest to you. Please tick here if you DO NOT wish to receive such information by Post ☐ Phone ☐ Email ☐ SMS ☐

You can photocopy the form to avoid cutting the magazine. Only one entry per household, please.



# 7 GREAT WAYS TO Enjoy Let's Knit

**1 APP** Did you know you can buy individual issues or subscribe to Let's Knit magazine on your smartphone or tablet? Download the app for free and purchase issues individually or via a choice of subscription options.

## Content

Let's Knit covers projects for beginners to experienced knitters alike; each issue has:

- At least 20 exclusive patterns, including garments, babies and kids patterns, accessories, homewares and quick makes.
- Garment patterns ranging from sizes 8 to 22.
- A complete breakdown of the Knit Kit required for each pattern, any special abbreviations and a Knitwise to help you complete it.
- Inspiration, yarn reviews, insightful features and giveaways; clear, illustrated tutorials on different techniques; shopping pages and sneak peeks at famous knitters' yarn stashes too!

## Special Issues

We currently have 12 bookazines available.

Titles include:

- How to Knit & Crochet
- Adorable Toys
- Baby Knits
- Creative Home
- Knitted Style Collection

They're brimming full of garments and accessories to make.

## Back Issues

If you've missed an issue don't fret, as you can buy back issues via our app, starting from Issue 38, January 2011.

The Let's Knit app is available to download for your tablet or smartphone from Nook, Kindle Newsstand and Apple Newsstand.



Back issues available from January 2011!

## 2 MAGAZINE

Let's Knit has 13 issues a year, which means more patterns for our readers. Look out for our Christmas Special issue on sale in September 2014!



## 3 WEBSITE

A place to brush up on your knitting skills with our videos and tutorials, pattern abbreviations and errata. Read the blog, enter our monthly giveaways and find over 160 free patterns!



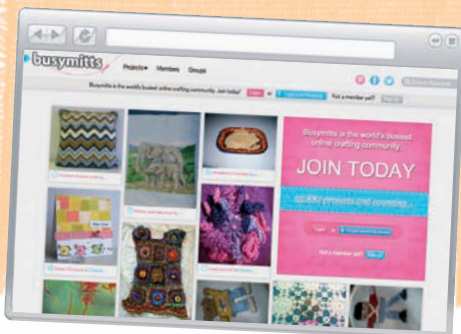
## 4 FACEBOOK & TWITTER

Head to our social media sites to hear about knitting-related news, offers and competitions. Find us at [www.facebook.com/letsknitmag](http://www.facebook.com/letsknitmag) or follow us @letsknitmag on Twitter. Share your makes with us too and look out for them in the magazine!



## 5 BUSYMITTS

Create your own personal profile showcasing your projects and meet like-minded crafters at [www.busymitts.com](http://www.busymitts.com). Over 31,000 projects to inspire you!



## 6 PINTEREST

Find inspiration with our knitting-related boards and share our wealth of patterns, stash-busting tips and more at [www.pinterest.com/letsknitmag](http://www.pinterest.com/letsknitmag)



## 7 HOME CRAFT FORUMS

An online home for crafters with over 289,276 members to talk to! Discuss projects, share makes, and create friendships with like-minded readers of Aceville Publication's craft titles. [www.homecraftforums.com](http://www.homecraftforums.com)

HomeCraft



LOVE YOUR YARN SHOP PATTERN

# Jessica

from *Rowan* is a moss stitch jacket with a *tailored* look to it

This stylish jacket is designed by Sarah Hatton for Rowan, who is one of the spinners supporting our Love Your Yarn Shop campaign. Knitting it in this charcoal shade gives it a smart look but using a brighter colour would make a great summer staple. Pay a visit to your local yarn shop to see, feel and smell the yarn before picking your favourite shade!

START KNITTING ON P80

STOCK UP  
AT YOUR  
**LOCAL  
YARN  
SHOP!**

Call 01484 681881 or go  
to [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)  
for stockists

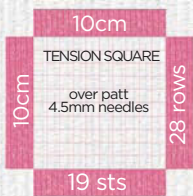


MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

To fit size:	XS	(S,	M,	L,	XL)
To fit chest (cm):	71-76	(81-86,	91-97,	102-107,	112-117)
Actual chest (cm):	81	(89,	100,	113,	123)
Sleeve length (cm):	45	(45,	46,	47,	47)
Length from shoulder (cm):	52	(54,	56,	58,	60)

KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Rowan Pure Wool Aran, shade 684 Charcoal, 6 (6, 7, 8, 8) 100g balls  
**Needles:** 4.5mm  
**Buttons:** grey, four  
**Stitch holders**



ABOUT THE YARN

Rowan Pure Wool Aran is 100% wool yarn that is robust and hardwearing, yet beautifully soft to touch. It's machine washable and is also available in 4ply and DK weights.

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



Rowan Pure Wool Aran has an RRP of £8.50 per 100g (170m) ball. To find a stockist, go to [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com) or call 01484 681881.

knitwise

SHALLOW SET-IN METHOD:

To set in sleeves using the shallow set-in method, place the centre of the cast-off edge of the sleeve to the shoulder seam. Match the decreases at the beginning of the armhole shaping to the decreases at the top of the sleeve. Sew the sleeve head into the armhole, easing in shapings.

START KNITTING HERE

Back

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 115 (127, 139, 157, 175) sts  
□ Row 1 (RS): k1, \* yfwd, k5, lift second, third, fourth and fifth sts on RH needle over first st and off RH needle, yfwd, k1, rep from \* to end. 77 (85, 93, 105, 117) sts  
□ Row 2: k to end, inc 0 (0, 1, 1, 0) st at each end of row. 77 (85, 95, 107, 117) sts  
These two rows complete edging  
Work in patt as folls:  
□ Row 1 (RS): k1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end  
□ Rows 2-3: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end  
□ Row 4: as Row 1  
These four rows form patt  
□ Work in patt for a further 12 rows, ending after a WS row  
□ Dec one st at each end of next and foll 12th row. 73 (81, 91, 103, 113) sts  
□ Work 19 rows in patt, ending after a WS row  
□ Inc one st at each end of next and foll 16th row, taking inc sts into patt. 77 (85, 95, 107, 117) sts  
□ Cont without shaping until Back meas 33 (34, 35, 36, 37) cm, ending after a WS row

SHAPE ARMHOLES

□ Keeping patt correct, cast off four sts at beg of next two rows. 69 (77, 87, 99, 109) sts  
□ Dec one st at each end of next and foll five alt rows. 57 (65, 75, 87, 97) sts  
□ Cont without shaping until armhole meas 17 (18, 19, 20, 21) cm, ending after a WS row

SHAPE SHOULDERS AND BACK NECK

□ Cast off 4 (5, 7, 8, 10) sts at beg of next two rows. 49 (55, 61, 71, 77) sts  
□ Next row (RS): cast off 4 (5, 7, 8, 10) sts, patt until there are 7 (8, 9, 12, 13) sts on RH needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder  
Work each side of neck separately as folls:  
□ Cast off three sts at beg of next row. 4 (5, 6, 9, 10) sts  
□ Cast off  
□ With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 27 (29, 29, 31, 31) sts, patt to end  
□ Complete to match first side, reversing shapings

Left front

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 61 (67, 73, 85, 91) sts  
□ Row 1 (RS): k1, \* yfwd, k5, lift second, third, fourth and fifth sts on RH needle over first st and off RH needle, yfwd, k1, rep from \* to end. 41 (45, 49, 57, 61) sts  
□ Row 2: k to end, inc 1 (1, 2, 0, 1) sts evenly across row. 42 (46, 51, 57, 62) sts  
These two rows complete the edging  
Work in patt as folls:  
□ Row 1 (RS): \* k1, p1, rep from \* to last 0 (0, 1, 1, 0) st, k0 (0, 1, 1, 0)  
□ Row 2: p0 (0, 1, 1, 0), \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end  
□ Row 3: \* p1, k1, rep from \* to last 0 (0, 1, 1, 0) st, p0 (0, 1, 1, 0)  
□ Row 4: k0 (0, 1, 1, 0), \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end  
These four rows form patt  
□ Work in patt for a further 12 rows, ending after a WS row  
□ Dec one st at beg of next and foll 12th row. 40 (44, 49, 55, 60) sts  
□ Work 19 rows in patt, ending after a WS row  
□ Inc one st at beg of next and foll 16th row, taking inc sts into patt. 42 (46, 51, 57, 62) sts  
□ Cont without shaping until Left front matches Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending after a WS row

SHAPE ARMHOLE

□ Keeping patt correct, cast off four sts at beg of next row. 38 (42, 47, 53, 58) sts



*"I love the idea of having a smart jacket that you don't have to dry clean or hand wash!"*

LK DEPUTY EDITOR ADRIENNE CHANDLER

□ Next row (WS): patt seven sts and slip these sts on to a holder, patt to end. 31 (35, 40, 46, 51) sts

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

□ Keeping patt correct, dec one st at armhole edge of next and foll five alt rows and **AT THE SAME TIME** dec one st at front slope edge on third and foll four alt rows. 20 (24, 29, 35, 40) sts  
□ Dec one st at front slope edge only on second and foll 1 (2, 0, 1, 0) alt rows, then on every foll fourth row until 12 (15, 20, 25, 30) sts  
□ Cont without shaping until Left front matches Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row

SHAPE SHOULDER

□ Cast off 4 (5, 7, 8, 10) sts at beg of next and foll alt row. 4 (5, 6, 9, 10) sts  
□ Work one row  
□ Cast off  
Mark positions for four buttons along Left front opening edge – first to come in Row 17 (of main patt), last to come just below beg of armhole shaping, and rem two buttons evenly spaced between

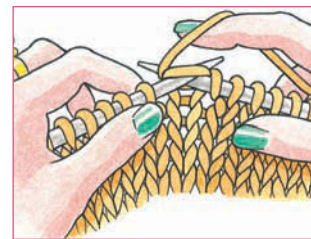
Right front

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 61 (67, 73, 85, 91) sts  
□ Work two edging rows as given for Left front. 42 (46, 51, 57, 62) sts  
Work in patt as folls:

yfwd



1 Between knit stitches lift the ball end of the yarn towards you between the two needles. This is a yfwd.



2 Insert the needle into the next stitch to knit as the pattern directs and take the yarn back (away from you) so it lies over the right needle. Then, wrap the yarn anticlockwise around the right needle and knit the stitch.



❑ Row 1 (RS): k0 (0, 1, 1, 0), \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end

❑ Row 2: \* p1, k1, rep from \* to last 0 (0, 1, 1, 0) st, p0 (0, 1, 1, 0)

❑ Row 3: p0 (0, 1, 1, 0), \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end

❑ Row 4: \* k1, p1, rep from \* to last 0 (0, 1, 1, 0) st, k0 (0, 1, 1, 0)

These four rows form patt

❑ Work in patt for a further 12 rows, ending after a WS row

❑ Row 17 (RS): patt two sts, patt2tog, yrn (to make first buttonhole), patt to last two sts, patt2tog

❑ Working a further three buttonholes in this way to correspond with positions marked for buttons on Left front, cont as folls:

**NOTE:** no further reference will be made to buttonholes

❑ Dec one st at end of 12th row. 40 (44, 49, 55, 60) sts

❑ Work 19 rows in patt, ending after a WS row

❑ Inc one st at end of next and foll 16th row, taking inc sts into patt. 42 (46, 51, 57, 62) sts

❑ Cont without shaping until Right front matches Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row

## SHAPE ARMHOLE

❑ Work one row

❑ Next row (WS): cast off four sts, patt to last seven sts and turn, leaving rem seven sts on a holder. 31 (35, 40, 46, 51) sts

❑ Complete to match Left front from beg of front slope shaping, reversing shapings

## Sleeves

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 41 (41, 43, 45, 45) sts

❑ Work in patt as given for Back, shaping sides by inc one st at each end of 7th (7th, 5th, 5th, 5th) and every foll 8th (8th, 6th, 6th, 6th) row to 49 (69, 49, 55, 71) sts, then on every foll 10th (0, 8th, 8th, 8th) row until there are 65 (69, 73, 77, 81) sts, taking inc sts into patt

❑ Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 45 (45, 46, 47, 47) cm, ending after a WS row

## SHAPE TOP

❑ Cast off four sts at beg of next two rows. 57 (61, 65, 69, 73) sts

❑ Dec one st at each end

of next and foll four alt rows, then on foll row, ending after a WS row. 45 (49, 53, 57, 61) sts

❑ Cast off

## To make up

Block each piece and press, following instructions on ball band. Take special care to press edges, as this will make sewing up easier and neater. Join both shoulder seams using back stitch or mattress stitch. Mark points along front slopes 6cm down from shoulder seams

## Left collar

Slip seven sts from Left front holder on to 4.5mm needles and rejoin yarn with RS facing

❑ Cont in patt as set, inc one st at end (attached edge) of second and every foll alt row until there are 21 sts, taking inc sts into patt

❑ Cont without shaping until collar, unstretched, fits up Left front slope to marker, ending at straight (unattached) edge

❑ Next row: cast off six sts, cast on six sts, patt to end

❑ Work five rows, ending at outer (straight) edge

❑ Next row: patt 16 sts, w&t

❑ Work five rows, ending at outer (straight) edge

❑ Rep last six rows until collar, unstretched, fits up entire left front slope and across to centre back neck

❑ Cast off

## Right collar

Slip seven sts from Right front holder on to 4.5mm needles and rejoin yarn with WS facing

❑ Cont in patt as set, inc one st at beg (attached edge) of third and every foll alt row until there are 21 sts, taking inc sts into patt

❑ Complete to match Left collar, reversing shapings Join cast-off edges of collar sections, then slip stitch to neck edges. Join left shoulder and neckband seams using mattress stitch. Join sleeves using shallow set-in method (see Knitwise). Join side seams and sew on buttons **LK**







In association with.....



James C. Brett

**SIRDAR**  
knitting made fashionable



**BEDFORDSHIRE**

**Pastiche Gift Shop**  
Telephone 9.30am - 5.00pm  
**01525 402902**  
[www.pastichgifts.co.uk](http://www.pastichgifts.co.uk)



We are a small family run business, which specializes in unique and individual cards and gifts. We offer a personal and friendly service. Come and have a look around our Aladdins cave.

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**KRAFTY KATS**  
Retailers of Wool stocking:  
Sirdar, Stylecraft, James C. Brett & DMC



We have a large range of Haberdashery for all your care, repair and creating!

33 High Street, Huntingdon, PE29 3AQ  
Phone 01480 457704  
Mon - Sat: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

**COUNTY DURHAM**

**Kemps Wool**  
Large selection of quality yarns at discounted prices all year round!  
203 Chester Road  
Sunderland SR4 7TU  
0191 567-3455  
[www.kempswoolshop.com](http://www.kempswoolshop.com)

**DERBYSHIRE**

**U-Duit**  
Celebrating 39 years of quality knitting & needleworking  
We stock a wide range of Sirdar, Sublime, Hayfield, Rico & Patons.  
7a Church Street, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 3BU  
Tel: 01773 745824  
[www.u-duitknitandstitch.co.uk](http://www.u-duitknitandstitch.co.uk)

**BRISTOL**

**The Wool Stop**  
Thornbury



We have something for everyone from budget acrylics to hand spun Alpaca!

**01454 414084**  
[www.thewoolstop.co.uk](http://www.thewoolstop.co.uk)

**CHESHIRE**

**Stash Fine Yarns**  
[www.stashfineyarns.com](http://www.stashfineyarns.com)



T: 01244 389310 E: [info@stashfineyarns.com](mailto:info@stashfineyarns.com)  
[www.stashfineyarns.com](http://www.stashfineyarns.com)

**COUNTY DURHAM**

**North Star Yarns**  
Email: [info@northstaryarns.com](mailto:info@northstaryarns.com)  
Telephone: 01207 654 399

**Stocking**  
Katia • King Cole • Opal  
Regia • Sirdar • Stylecraft  
Sublime • Wendy  
Patterns, haberdashery and workshops also available

7-9 Ramsay Street, High Spen  
Rowlands Gill, NE9 2EL  
[www.northstaryarns.com](http://www.northstaryarns.com)

**DORSET**

**knitting well**  
For friendly help and advice on all your knitting supplies, come visit our store!

Stocking:  
• King Cole • James C Brett,  
• Debbie Bliss • Bergere de France  
• T B Ramsden • Adriaafil

1 Bell Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8AR  
**01747 854178**



**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE**

**The Knitting Basket**



Our extensive range of yarns include:-  
STYLECRAFT, KING COLE, SIRDAR,  
JAMES C BRETT & OPAL SOCK YARN

We also stock:-  
KNITTING & CROCHET PATTERNS  
PONY KNITTING NEEDLES  
LOOSE BUTTONS  
ACCESSORIES.

64 Aylesbury Street, Fenny Stratford, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK2 2BA  
TEL:- 01908 646049  
[www.theknittingbasket.co.uk](http://www.theknittingbasket.co.uk)  
Email:- [theknittingbasket@live.co.uk](mailto:theknittingbasket@live.co.uk)

**CHESHIRE**

**the wool shop**



Established in 1961, we have over 50 years of knitting experience to help you with your knitting projects!  
Stocking a range of yarns from: Sirdar, Patons, Rico, Stylecraft and Cygnet plus fabulous range of accessories, all at competitive prices!

Knitting Club on a Saturday and lessons also available  
[www.thewoolshopcrewe.co.uk](http://www.thewoolshopcrewe.co.uk)

**COUNTY DURHAM**

**Wools Worldwide**  
by bobby davison

**The Wool, Knitting & Needlework Specialists**  
101 Park Road, Hartlepool. TS26 9HP  
**+44 (0)1429 861300**  
Quality and service built on 62 years of tradition...

Stockists of  
Sirdar, Patons, Rowan and King Cole yarns  
[www.woolsworldwide.co.uk](http://www.woolsworldwide.co.uk)

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

**Cotswold**  
Sewing and Knitting Machines

7a Lansdown, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 1BB

We stock Cotswold Sheep Yarn, Rowan, Debbie Bliss, Noro, Blacker Yarns and Bergère de France

**01453 763660**

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**CURTIS YARNS**  
Stocking a wide range of yarns including:  
**Cygnet, King Cole, Rico, James C Brett & Stylecraft**  
plus patterns & accessories!  
**Cross Stitch, Buttons and Beads also in stock.**  
24a High Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4JU  
**Tel. 01353 969426**  
[www.curtisyarns.co.uk](http://www.curtisyarns.co.uk)

**CHESHIRE**

**Blue Buttons**  
SEW KNIT CREATE



Fabrics from Prestigious, Clarke & Clarke, Crest, Jane Hart, Vogue Decoration and Coats for quilting

Extensive range of wools from Patons, Regia, Bergere de France, James Brett, Robin, Wendy

We stock buttons and haberdashery  
Best home furnishing and instore embroidery service.

24a High Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4JU  
Email: [approvals@bluebuttons.co.uk](mailto:approvals@bluebuttons.co.uk) FACEBOOK: [www.facebook.com/bluebuttonDesigns](http://www.facebook.com/bluebuttonDesigns)

**DERBYSHIRE**

**KNITTIQUIP**  
wool today, wear tomorrow



You will receive a warm welcome when visiting us here at Knittiquip! Stocking beautiful yarns from a range of spinners including King Cole, Wendy, Twilleys, Hjerte garn, New Lanark plus scrumptious alpaca yarns from our own herd! Knitting patterns and accessories also available plus workshops!

Ashtree Farm, Old Globe Yard  
Main Street, Snarestone Derbyshire DE12 7DB  
**07870 380013**  
[www.alpacatearoom.co.uk](http://www.alpacatearoom.co.uk)

**HAMPSHIRE**

**Jolly Stitcher**



Stocking a range of great yarns from  
**Sirdar, Debbie Bliss, Artesano, James C Brett, Jenny Watson, Rowan, Manos & Rico**  
Unit 13 Fareham Enterprise Centre  
Hackett Way, Fareham, Hants PO14 1TH  
**Tel: 01329 550595**  
[www.jolly-stitcher.co.uk](http://www.jolly-stitcher.co.uk)





In association with.....



James C. Brett

**SIRDAR**  
knitting made fashionable



LOVE YOUR Yarn Shop

#### HAMPSHIRE

**Relatively Crafty**  
118 Elm Grove, Hayling Island  
**023 9246 3744**  
We supply...  
**Wool, Haberdashery,  
Fabrics & Needlecraft,  
...and a whole lot more!**  
**JAMES C BRETT  
STOCKIST**  
For all your craft needs  
[www.relativelycrafty.co.uk](http://www.relativelycrafty.co.uk)

#### LANCASHIRE

**Knit Wits & Gifts**  
246 Pleckgate Road,  
Blackburn BB1 8QW  
**01254 469718**  
OPENING HOURS  
Mon - Thurs 9am - 5pm  
Fri & Sat 9am - 3pm

#### LINCOLNSHIRE

**Rasen Crafts**  
6 Union Street, Market Rasen, Lincs. LN8 3AA  
**01673 849 051**  
[rasencrafts@gmail.com](mailto:rasencrafts@gmail.com)  
Locally produced Wolds Wool,  
Sirdar, King Cole, Rico and Paton  
Knitting and crochet patterns  
KnitPro, Pony and much more including:  
Dressmaking patterns, 60" cotton,  
felt quarters, buttons, ribbons, wadding,  
batting, craft kits, papercraft, cross stitch,  
embroidery, haberdashery.  
Please telephone or email for details.

#### MIDLANDS

**Mrs T Wool and  
Haberdashery**  
Clothing Alterations  
and Repairs  
Email:  
[mrstwool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrstwool@yahoo.co.uk)  
02476 715712  
59-61 Winsford Ave  
Allesley Park,  
Coventry  
CV5 9JG

#### HERTFORDSHIRE

**SAFT CORNER LTD**  
Come along and join  
our clubs. Now 3 Knit  
& Knatter clubs Tues,  
Thurs and Fri  
We Stock...  
King Cole, Pony, Clover and Hemline  
We also run classes and workshops on  
Quilting, Knowledge of your sewing  
machine, Crochet and much more.  
Visit our website for more details.  
[www.craftcornerltd.co.uk](http://www.craftcornerltd.co.uk)  
Phillimore Garden Centre, Cambridge  
Road, Melbourn, Hertfordshire SG8 6EY  
01763 268686

#### LEICESTERSHIRE

**The  
Laughing  
Ewe**  
Everything for the inspired  
knitter and crocheter.  
Unit 6, East Carlton Country Park,  
Nr Corby, Leicestershire LE16 8YF  
**07510 899492**  
E-Mail: [thelaughingewe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thelaughingewe@hotmail.co.uk)  
[www.thelaughingewe.co.uk](http://www.thelaughingewe.co.uk)

#### MIDLANDS

**sittingknitting**  
Stable Gallery, rear of 7 Belwell Lane,  
Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B74 4AA  
**0121 308 4205**  
[rachel@sittingknitting.com](mailto:rachel@sittingknitting.com)  
[www.facebook.com/SittingKnitting](http://www.facebook.com/SittingKnitting)

#### NORFOLK

**Diss Wool & Craft Shop**  
2 Cobbs Yard, Diss, Norfolk IP22 4LB  
open Mon to Sat 9am to 4pm  
01379 650640  
We also have a huge online  
selection at  
[www.disswoolandcrafts.com](http://www.disswoolandcrafts.com)  
or email us  
[sales@disswoolandcrafts.com](mailto:sales@disswoolandcrafts.com)  
You can find us on

#### ISLE OF WIGHT

**Sew n So**  
FABRICS and YARNS  
64 HIGH STREET, RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT, PO33 2RJ  
**01983 562303**  
[www.sewnsofabrics.com](http://www.sewnsofabrics.com)  
KNITTING YARNS  
Wendy ~ Robin ~ Stylecraft ~ JC Brett ~  
Cygnet ~ King Cole  
And huge range of patterns to go with them!  
Sew n So Fabrics are also a specialist dress and  
stage fabric supplier.  
We ship fabrics, knitting yarns and haberdashery  
all over the world!

#### LINCOLNSHIRE

**BRIDGE STREET CRAFTS  
AND MODELS**  
Stylecraft, Rico,  
Artesano and Local  
Lincoln Longwool.  
58 Bridge St,  
Gainsborough DN21 1LS  
07960 590434

#### MIDLANDS

**HELEN'S  
Haberdashery**  
9 Victorian Arcade, Walsall W81 1RE  
Tel: 01922 612161  
Email: [helenshabby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:helenshabby@hotmail.co.uk)  
KNITTING WOOL CROSS-STITCH KITS  
RIBBON BUTTONS GALORE!! ZIPS  
ELASTIC DMC VELCRO  
CROCHET HOOKS  
LACE TRIMMINGS KNITTING PINS

#### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

**Yarn Loft**  
[www.yarnloft.co.uk](http://www.yarnloft.co.uk)  
We stock Artesano, Bergere de France,  
Debbie Bliss, Fyberspates, Rooster,  
Louisa Harding, Manos del Uruguay,  
Noro, Patons & Schachenmayr.  
Needles/Hooks from  
Brittany, KnitPro & Milward.  
   
[yarnloft@gmail.com](mailto:yarnloft@gmail.com)  
116 Hucknall Rd, Nottingham, NG5 1AD  
07825 702433

#### KENT

**Hours  
Knit &  
Stitch  
Shop**  
Opening Times:  
Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm  
57, West Street, Sittingbourne  
Kent ME10 1an  
Email: [hours@btinternet.com](mailto:hours@btinternet.com)  
**01795 599442**

#### LINCOLNSHIRE

**THE CRAFTY PATCH**  
FOR ALL YOUR CRAFTY NEEDS  
Anchor & DMC main agent, hundreds  
of cross stitch kits in stock, plus  
many accessories. Knitting yarns  
from Wendy/Peter Pan, Sirdar, Katia,  
King Cole and Woolcraft.  
3 South Street, Bourne, Lincolnshire PE10 9LY  
[www.crafty-patch.co.uk](http://www.crafty-patch.co.uk)  
 **01778 422666**

#### MIDLANDS

**Beacon Crafts**  
Stocking yarns from:  
Sirdar, Stylecraft, James C Brett,  
Wool Craft, Patons  
plus patterns and accessories!  
1 Bullring, DY3 1RU Sedgley  
**01902 674903**  
Email: [beaconcrafts@live.co.uk](mailto:beaconcrafts@live.co.uk)

#### NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

**Needlecraft Corner**  
Wool and Haberdashery  
A delightful  
selection of yarns  
and fabrics  
19 Ryton St, Worksop, S82 8Y  
Opening hours 9-5 Mon - Sat.  
[www.needlecraftcorner.co.uk](http://www.needlecraftcorner.co.uk)  
07906 847829

LOVE YOUR Yarn Shop





Want to join our campaign to celebrate all that's great about yarn shops in 2014?

For more information, please contact:

Julie Freestone - [julie.freestone@aceville.co.uk](mailto:julie.freestone@aceville.co.uk) 01206 505913  
Samantha Dean - [samantha.dean@aceville.co.uk](mailto:samantha.dean@aceville.co.uk) 01206 505114

#### SCOTLAND

**The Dragons Den**

Sirdar, Adriafl, Rico, Stylecraft, Jarrol, Knit Pro, Debbie Bliss all in stock

[www.dragonsdenwools.co.uk](http://www.dragonsdenwools.co.uk)  
20 High Street, Kinghorn, Fife, KY39UE

Find us on

#### STAFFORDSHIRE

knitique

Knitique offers a wide range of yarns, patterns, knitting kits, books and accessories. Artesano, Bergere De France, Brittany, Clover, Debbie Bliss, DY Choice, Essentials, Gift Horse, KnitPro, Patons, Peter Pan, Robin & Wendy. Mail order available. Contact Victoria on:

**01543 480979**  
or [knitique@btinternet.com](mailto:knitique@btinternet.com)  
Heart of the Country Shopping Village, Lichfield, Staffs WS14 9QR

#### WALES

**Yarn 'n' Yarns**

Stocking premium quality wool for your pleasure, including: Noro, Debbie Bliss, Rowan, Patons, Sirdar plus many more.

Knitting classes also available.

22 Cornerswell Road  
Penarth CF64 2UZ  
**0292 071 2097**

#### WILTSHIRE

**OUTSIDE THE BOX**

\* fabric \* yarn \* art \* crafts \* haberdashery

Tel: 01985 211725  
10 Chinns Court, Warminster BA12 9AN

#### SCOTLAND

NOW DOING ALTERATIONS

**THREADS**  
Knitting ~ Sewing ~ Crafting

Stocking:  
Sirdar, DY, Stylecraft and Cygnet yarns

60 Glasgow Road, Dumbarton G82 1HQ  
Tel: 01389 761 385  
email: [fankledthreads@gmail.com](mailto:fankledthreads@gmail.com)  
[www.fankledthreads.co.uk](http://www.fankledthreads.co.uk)

#### SURREY

Whichcraft

Stocking a wide variety of yarns including Rico, King Cole, Wendy, Peter Pan and Patons.

Beautiful range of baby yarns available!

- Knitting and Crochet workshops
- Knit and Natter group • Haberdashery

7 Station Way, Cheam Village, Surrey SM3 8SD  
[angela.macadam@btopenworld.com](mailto:angela.macadam@btopenworld.com)  
**0208 643 3211**

#### WALES

Love to Knit and Purl with Helen at The Wool Shop  
5 Market Street, Newtown, Powys SY16 2PQ  
Tel: 01686 626128

#### YORKSHIRE

**twist & purl**

Our online shop is now open:  
[www.twistandpurl.co.uk](http://www.twistandpurl.co.uk)

Stockists of: Rico, Stylecraft, Wendy, Twilleys, Sirdar, Bergere De France, Cygnet, Sublime, Jenny Watson and Pony accessories. Workshops.

1 Bradford Road, Cleckheaton, BD19 5AG  
Tel: 01274 873279.  
Email: [knit@twistandpurl.co.uk](mailto:knit@twistandpurl.co.uk)

#### SOMERSET

ewe knit 20.

Ewe Knit 20 is your local yarn shop and woolly community in Nailsea, North Somerset! Find us in the Crown Glass Shopping Centre, look for the orange sign and our happy sheep logo! We cater for all your knitting and crocheting needs, with yarn, needles, patterns and classes! Visit: [www.eweknit.co.uk](http://www.eweknit.co.uk) so you can even shop from home!

#### SURREY

**Maxime Wools**

Quality yarns: Everything for the experienced knitter & beginners too

Haberdashery, Cross Stitch, Tapestry, Embroidery, Beads and more

- Patons • Sirdar • Debbie Bliss
- Rowan • Wendy • Katia
- Stylecraft • Bergere de France

[www.maximewools.co.uk](http://www.maximewools.co.uk)  
Tel: 020 8661 5625  
68 Banstead Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey SM5 3NL  
Open 9.30 - 5.00pm Tuesday - Saturday

#### WALES

**PINS & THINGS**

For quality needlecraft

Our hand knitting wools are awe inspiring ... so many colours ... so many textures ... and our haberdashery range is probably the most extensive in the South Wales Valleys.

[www.pinsandthingswales.co.uk](http://www.pinsandthingswales.co.uk)

#### YORKSHIRE

**WWW.WOOLNSTUFF.CO.UK**  
For All Your Knitting Needs.

Stockists of King Cole, Sirdar, Bergere de France, Rico, Rowan and sock yarns. Huge range of patterns, books and accessories.

Knit n Natter every Saturday 10 - 12 beginners welcome.

Can't make it to the shop, then you can order online or over the phone.

Unit 2 Wilson House, Charlotte Street, Wakefield, WF1 1UL  
Tel: 01924 565740.  
Web: [www.woolnstuff.co.uk](http://www.woolnstuff.co.uk)

#### STAFFORDSHIRE

**Knit N Stitch**

Stocking a wide range of yarn including Cygnet, James C Brett, Wendy, Stylecraft, Patons, Sirdar and DMC

A beautiful collection of patterns, needles and haberdashery!

4 The Square, Codsall  
Tel: 01902 847565

#### WALES

**K&J CRAFTS**

Shop online, or phone your orders on 01633 872619 or visit our shop at Unit 16 Inshops, The Mall, Cwmbran, Gwent NP44 1PX, Open 9am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Second store now open! At 36 Lion Street Abergavenny, NP7 5NT.

We stock all your crafting needs

Visit our Website  
[www.caricrafts.co.uk](http://www.caricrafts.co.uk)

#### WARWICKSHIRE

**Remember When**

Specialising in an array of vintage & modern yarns, patterns & accessories.

Stockists of Debbie Bliss, Colinette, Rowan, Bergere De France, Wendy, Twilleys, Sirdar, Patons, King Cole, SMC & Cygnet

80 High Street, Coleshill, West Midlands, B46 3AH  
Tel: 01675 466418  
[www.rememberwenshop.co.uk](http://www.rememberwenshop.co.uk)

#### YORKSHIRE

**Anne's Flowers and Crafts**

Stocking a large range of yarns and patterns from Sirdar, Sublime, Rico, Bergere de France, Debbie Bliss, Adriafl, Stylecraft and Wendy.

Also stocking a range of cross-stitch and haberdashery.

**Tel: 01924 494 157**  
119-121 Nab Lane, Mirfield, WF14 9QJ



# 5



## Mins with...

**Donna Whitby, Head of Online Operations, Loremar Knitting and Sewing**



**Loremar is a family-run business which has been trading since 1981** – we have two high street stores in east Kent. In 2013 we decided to set up an online store.

**Being family, we work well together as a team.** My parents bring years of experience and they understand what customers need; I bring the technical and marketing experience. We have a huge amount of knowledge about the industry – every yarn we stock has been knitted by us! This enables us to give our customers advice and help.

**Loremar is a not just somewhere to buy yarn, we really get to know our customers and it is a real pleasure when they bring in their creations, and we are online 24 hours a day to offer advice.**

The bricks and mortar stores are a great place for people to come in, see and touch the yarn, but the website lets more people know we're here to stay.

**We look for quality and price when choosing what to stock** – after all that is what the customer wants! Personally, I like Rico Pompon. It's versatile and you can complete a project in a few hours. I have an array of Pompon scarves, cushion covers and blankets at home!

**We hope that the website continues to thrive and attract new customers.** We will continue to add new product lines to keep up to date with the current trends.

Visit [www.loremar.co.uk](http://www.loremar.co.uk) or call 0845 303 8685 for more information.



# WHAT'S IN Store?



Get the hot gossip from a selection of Love Your Yarn Shop stores around the UK



## Feeling blue?

Based in Sale, Cheshire, Blue Buttons is a yarn, haberdashery and furnishings store which stocks James C. Brett, Robin, Wendy, Patons and Jenny Watson. Specialising in homewares, the shop has been open for three years and offers a bespoke home furnishings service, so that you can find something truly unique. Find out the latest goings on at [www.facebook.com/BlueButtonDesigns](http://www.facebook.com/BlueButtonDesigns)



## A rose by any other name

Found in the picturesque countryside of Amargh in Northern Ireland, Elizabeth Rose has been selling knitting products with great success since last summer. Mainly stocking Rico yarn, it has also recently taken on Stylecraft Special DK – inspired by Lucy from the popular blog Attic 24 – as well as the Mia, Juliet, Baby Cashmerino and Bluefaced Leicester DK ranges from Debbie Bliss. The store runs a beginners' crochet workshop every Thursday evening, and plans to be teaching knitting by September! 0283 887 1637, [www.elizabethroseni.com](http://www.elizabethroseni.com)



## Wool please!

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of Bath's city centre at Wool, on Old Orchard Street. You'll find offerings from Debbie Bliss, Mirasol, Fyberspates, King Cole and more, as well as a great choice of needles and notions. There's also a twice-weekly evening Knit Club and a knitting surgery providing one-on-one tuition. Visit [www.woolbath.co.uk](http://www.woolbath.co.uk) or call 01225 469144 for further information.



## Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

North Star Yarns is found in Rowlands Gill, nine miles out of Newcastle. It stocks a range of yarns including the new Wendy Duo, a cute hat yarn that comes with a ready-made pom-pom! You will also find major brands such as Sirdar, Stylecraft, King Cole and Patons. Why not book yourself in for one of the many workshops while you are there, such as the brand new class on magic loop sock knitting? 01207 654399, [www.northstaryarns.com](http://www.northstaryarns.com)



—KNO614



# Stylecraft **6 Balls of Stars** **Yarn & Pattern**

when you subscribe today!



**FREE!**



● Stylecraft has taken care while developing this DK yarn to ensure Stars is soft and brings a delicious drape to the designs knitted in it. The colour palette focusses on icy pastels, from stellar white to quartz pink and aqua blue with the addition of amethyst and noir for those who like a bit of drama.



● Stylecraft has launched a glamorous new yarn for Spring Summer 2014 called Stars DK.

● Reflecting the latest fashion trend for sparkling and lustre effects, Stars is a lightweight blended yarn with a metallic filament and small Payette sequins to bring a beautiful sheen together with a subtle sparkle to your knitting.

● There are 8 designs available for women and 3 for girls to support the launch of Stars featuring simple styles that are easy to knit and easy to wear.

## **YOUR KIT INCLUDES:**

- 4 designs
- 6 balls of yarn in two colours

## **3 EASY WAYS TO SUBSCRIBE**



[www.letsknit.co.uk/subscribe](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/subscribe)

**0844 844 0947**

Quote LKN0614



LKN, 800 Guillat Avenue,  
Kent Science Park,  
Sittingbourne ME9 8GU

Lines are open Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 9am-1pm



# Turn the tables

Keep these pages handy to guide you on your way

## YARN WEIGHTS

YARN TYPE	STANDARD TENSION	STANDARD NEEDLE SIZE
Lace	30-33 sts-36-50 rows	2mm-3mm
4ply	28 sts-36 rows	3.25mm
DK	22 sts-28 rows	4mm
Aran	18 sts-24 rows	5mm
Chunky	14 sts-19 rows	6.5mm
Super Chunky	9 sts-12 rows	10mm

## NEEDLE SIZING

UK (mm)	U.S.A	Old UK/Canada
2	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4	6	8
4.5	7	7
5	8	6
5.5	9	5
6	10	4
6.5	10½	3
7	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
15	-	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
20	36	-
25	50	-

*"Using the correct size of needles for the yarn weight helps to produce a taut, neat fabric"*



## Step on to the scales

Just like tension, the weight of yarn can greatly affect the outcome of your work - which is especially disorientating when, as with needle sizing, yarn weights differ from country to country. Here is a rough guide to US yarn weights and their equivalents

US TERM	UK EQUIVALENT
Light fingering	3 ply
Fingering	4 ply
Sport light worsted /DK	Light DK
Worsted	DK
Aran	Between DK and Aran
Bulky	Chunky
Super bulky	Superchunky

## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>0</b>	no stitches, times or rows	<b>rm</b>	remove marker
<b>-</b>	no stitches, times or rows for that size	<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>alt</b>	alternate	<b>skpo</b>	slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
<b>approx</b>	approximately	<b>sk2po</b>	slip next stitch purlwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over and off needle
<b>beg</b>	beginning	<b>sl 2, k1, p2sso</b>	slip next two stitches knitwise at the same time, knit one, pass both slipped stitches over
<b>bet</b>	between	<b>sl1</b>	slip one stitch
<b>C4F</b>	(cable 4 front) slip two stitches on to cable needle, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>slst</b>	slip stitch
<b>C4B</b>	(cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>sm</b>	slip marker
<b>ch</b>	chain stitch	<b>sp (s)</b>	space(s)
<b>ch sp</b>	chain space	<b>ssk</b>	one by one slip the next two stitches knitwise. Put your left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
<b>circ</b>	circular needles	<b>st (s)</b>	stitch (es)
<b>cm</b>	centimetres	<b>st st</b>	stocking stitch (k on RS row, p on WS row)
<b>cn</b>	cable needle	<b>tbl</b>	through the back loop (s)
<b>cont</b>	continue (ing)	<b>tr</b>	treble crochet
<b>dc</b>	double crochet	<b>w &amp; t</b>	(on knit rows) take the yarn between the needles to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
<b>dc2tog</b>	(insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through loop) twice, yarn over hook, pull through all three loops on hook	<b>WS</b>	wrong side
<b>dec</b>	decrease (ing)	<b>wyib</b>	with yarn in back
<b>dpn</b>	double pointed needle	<b>wyif</b>	with yarn in front
<b>dtr</b>	double treble crochet	<b>yb</b>	yarn back
<b>fol</b>	following	<b>yfwd</b>	yarn forward (between knit stitches)
<b>htr</b>	half treble crochet	<b>yo</b>	work yfwd/yon/yrn as appropriate
<b>inc</b>	increase (ing)	<b>yoh</b>	yarn over hook
<b>k</b>	knit	<b>yon</b>	yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
<b>kfb</b>	knit into the front and back of the next stitch	<b>yrn</b>	yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
<b>k2tog</b>	knit two stitches together	<b>y2rn</b>	wrap yarn twice around needle
<b>kwise</b>	knitwise	<b>*</b>	repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed
<b>lp</b>	loop	<b>()[]</b>	work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed
<b>m1</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it		
<b>m1p</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and purling into the back of it		
<b>meas</b>	measure (s)		
<b>mm</b>	millimeters		
<b>N1 (2, 3)</b>	needle 1 (2, 3)		
<b>p</b>	purl		
<b>pb</b>	place bead		
<b>pfb</b>	purl into the front and back of next st		
<b>pm</b>	place marker		
<b>p2tog</b>	purl two stitches together		
<b>prev</b>	previous		
<b>psso</b>	pass slipped stitch over and off needle		
<b>p2sso</b>	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle		
<b>pwise</b>	purlwise		
<b>rem</b>	remain (ing)		
<b>rep</b>	repeat (ing)		
<b>rev st st</b>	reverse stocking stitch (p on RS row, k on WS row)		

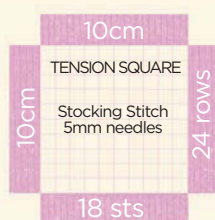


# ESSENTIAL INFO

Everything you need to start knitting now!

## Tension headache

The tension square is not the most exciting part of any project but it's one of the most important, particularly where garments are concerned. Ensuring you have the correct number of stitches and rows across your 10cm swatch is crucial to getting the right measurements and a good fit. Here's how to do it:



■ Using the yarn and needles recommended in the pattern, cast on the number of stitches given in the tension square plus six more. In this case you would need to cast on a total of 24 stitches (18+6). Making sure your stitches are not too tight or too loose, and working a knit stitch at each end of every row to prevent curling, work in

stocking stitch unless another stitch is specified until the piece measures 14cm. Cast off

■ Each knitted stitch is signified by one complete 'V' shape, so lay a ruler horizontally across your swatch, use marker pins to indicate 10cm and count the number of stitches, including half stitches. Do the same with the rows. Now compare this to the recommended tension. If there are too many stitches your tension is too tight – switch to a larger set of needles and try again. Similarly, if there are too few stitches your knitting is too loose – try with smaller size needles.



## SUBSTITUTION

Substituting the specified yarn for a different one can be an excellent solution to the problem of yarn that's hard to find or out of your price range, but you need to know the facts and avoid certain pitfalls!

■ Make sure the yarn you choose has a tension that's as close as possible to the yarn suggested for the pattern. It might be possible to correct slight variations by changing the needle size but too much difference will result in an odd looking fabric, so where possible substitute a DK weight yarn for another DK and so on.

■ Give consideration to the content of the yarn and how this might affect the finished project. For example, a wool yarn knits up into a fabric that's warm and light whereas cotton is cooler and much heavier. Information on the properties of individual yarns is

available on the internet so do your research!

■ It seems like an obvious point but if your project will need to be washed often, ensure that the substitute yarn is water-safe (also known as 'superwash' or 'easycare'). If not it could shrink and felt beyond recognition!



## Pattern Updates

Here at LK we try our hardest to make sure our patterns are free from errors, but sometimes they do slip through the net. Here you will find our latest pattern updates; we apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you have any queries about one of our patterns, please call **01206 508622** or email **support@letsknit.co.uk**. For further updates visit **www.letsknit.co.uk**

### LK79, Adorable Baby Knits Rosanna, p16

This pattern was provided by Yarncraft and not Cygnet as originally stated. We apologise for any inconvenience and confusion caused.

#### DIVIDE FOR FRONTS AND BACK

□ Next row: k29, place these 29 sts on to a holder for Right front, cast off next eight sts [one st on RH needle], k61, place these 62 sts on to a holder for Back, cast off eight sts [one st on RH needle], k28  
Cont on these 29 sts only for Left front  
□ Next row: p

#### SHAPE RAGLAN

□ Work six rows in st st dec one st at armhole edge on every row. 23 sts  
□ Work 23 rows in st st dec one st at armhole edge on next and every foll alt row. 11 sts

#### SHAPE NECK

□ Next row: cast off four sts, p to end. Seven sts  
□ Work as instructed to end

#### Back

Transfer sts from holder on to needle, with WS facing, rejoin yarn to 62 sts for Back  
□ Next row: p

#### SHAPE RAGLAN

□ Work six rows in st st, dec one st at each end of every row. 50 sts  
□ Work 28 rows in st st, dec one st at each end of next and foll alt row. 22 sts  
□ Cast off

#### Right front

Transfer sts from holder on to needle, with WS facing, rejoin yarn to 29 sts for Right front

□ Next row: p

#### SHAPE RAGLAN

□ Work six rows in st st, dec one st at armhole edge on every row. 23 sts  
□ Work 22 rows in st st, dec one st at armhole edge on next and every foll alt row. 12 sts

#### SHAPE NECK

□ Next row: cast off four sts, k to last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts  
□ Work as instructed to end

#### Right front border

Join raglan seams  
□ Using 3.25mm needles, yarn A and with RS facing, pick up and k 67 sts evenly along front edge  
□ Work five rows in 1x1 rib  
□ Next row (buttonhole): rib to last six sts, yfwd, patt2tog, rib 4  
□ Work two rows in rib  
□ Cast off

#### Left front border

□ Using 3.25mm needles, yarn A and with RS facing, pick up and k 67 sts evenly along front edge  
□ Work eight rows in rib  
□ Cast off

#### Collar

□ Using 3.25mm needles, yarn B and with RS facing, beg at centre of Right front border, pick up and k 14 sts evenly along right side of neck, nine sts from top of right Sleeve, 22 sts from back of neck, nine sts from top of left Sleeve and 14 sts evenly along left side of neck, ending at centre of Left front border. 68 sts  
□ Next row: p23, pfb in next st, (p2, pfb in next st) seven times, p23. 76 sts  
□ Work as instructed to end



# Start Right

Learn to knit today with these clear guides

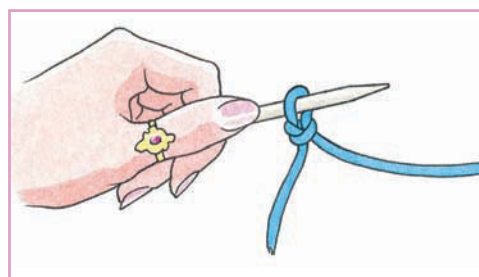


BAFFLED BY SOMETHING?  
watch the video demos at  
[WWW.LETSKNIT.CO.UK](http://WWW.LETSKNIT.CO.UK)

## Making a slip knot



**1** Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, and pull the second loop under the first.



**2** Remove the two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

## Cast on

Casting on is the basis of all knitting. There are several different ways to do it, but the two-needle method shown below is often considered the simplest to master.



**1** Create a slipknot on your left hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.



**2** Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch (knot) and insert the tip of the left hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer it from the right hand to the left hand needle. There should now be two stitches on the left hand needle.



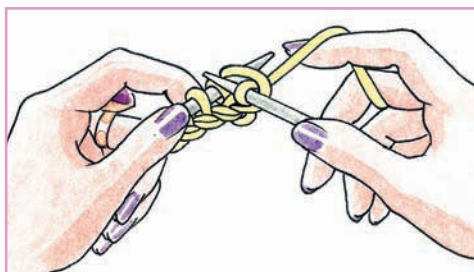
**3** Repeat the above steps, knitting into the top stitch on the left needle and returning the new stitches from the right to the left needle until you have the required number of stitches.

## Knit stitch

Similar to the cast on method (above), the knit stitch is the staple of all knitting (hence the name). Shown below is the English knitting style.



**1** Once cast on, insert the tip of the right needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the left needle. The right hand needle should sit behind the left hand one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the tip of the right hand needle.



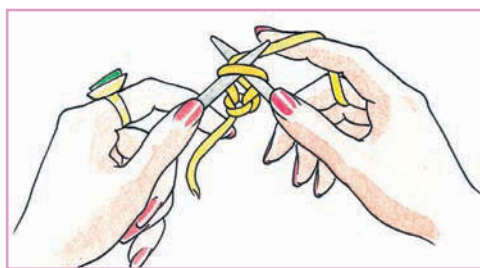
**2** Using the right hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right hand needle.



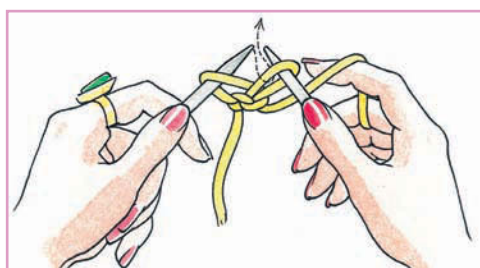
**3** Slide the original stitch off the left hand needle. Repeat from step one. You are now knitting! The knit stitch can be combined with other stitches to create hundreds of different stitch patterns.



## Cable cast on



1 Create a slipknot on your left hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.



2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch (knot) and insert the tip of the left hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer it from the right hand to the left hand needle. There should now be two stitches on the left hand needle.

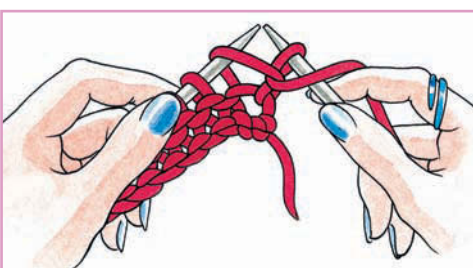


3 Insert the right needle between the two stitches on the left needle and wrap the yarn around the needle tip anticlockwise. Draw this loop through to make a stitch and slip it up and onto the left needle. Repeat this creating a new loop behind the last stitch and passing it left needle in front of the previous one.

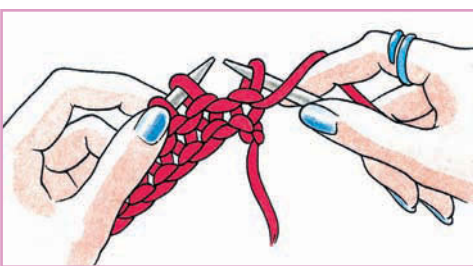
## Purl stitch



1 With the ball end of the yarn at the front (toward you) insert the tip of the right hand needle into the front loop of the first stitch from the right to left and with the right hand needle in front of the left hand needle. Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the right hand needle.



2 Draw the needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the right hand needle.



3 Once the new stitch has been formed on the right hand needle you can let the loop from the left needle slide off the end. Repeat until all the stitches have been purred and you have complete the row.

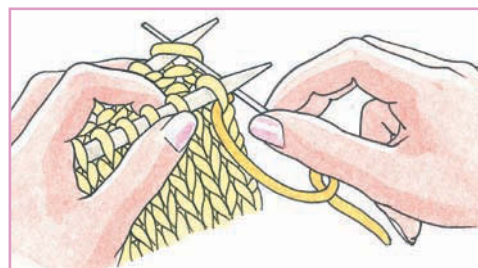
## Graft the toe



**Kitchener Stitch is the method used to achieve this. It is worked as follows:**

**SET UP:** Before starting you need to prepare the stitches on the needle. Hold the two needles with the remaining stitches parallel. The loose end of yarn should be coming from the back needle and lying to the right of the work.

1 Thread yarn end onto a tapestry needle and insert it purlwise into the first stitch on the needle closest to you. Pull the yarn through but leave the stitch on the needle.



2 Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



3 Having set up as shown in steps 1 and 2, repeat steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the front needle purlwise and pull the yarn through, this time leaving the stitch on the needle.



4 Insert the tapestry needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back needle and slide it off. Before pulling the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.

p41



## Helping hand

If you need a refresher on basic knitting techniques, visit our website [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk). You'll also find the following step-by-step instructions in the magazine:

**picking up stitches on a selvedge:** Fondant, p41  
**m1:** Flopsy, p71  
**kfb:** George bear FREE pattern  
**yfwd:** Jessica, p79



Free Pattern



# Final Stages

Finish your project like a pro

## On the blocks

Blocking is the process of stretching and shaping your finished items to create the correct dimensions from the pattern. It is also really useful for ensuring that pieces to be joined fit well together. There are a few different ways to achieve this, so check the information on the yarn ball band and pick the most suitable option.

### Wet blocking

Dampen the pieces so that they are wet through and gently push out excess water. Spread the sections out on a towel to air dry. Use a tape measure to ensure each part is the correct dimensions to that of the pattern and pin into the required shape.

For a more gentle option, try pinning it in place and lightly spritzing with a water spray. This is ideal

for really delicate materials like cashmere which can be damaged by too much water.

### Steam iron blocking

Place a dampened cloth on top of the separate sections of your knitting. Work gently over this with a very hot iron, be careful not to let the iron come into direct contact with the knitting as it can damage the work. Continue to press the work until the cloth is dry and the knitted fibres have been loosened by the steam. Then, pin the pieces to the desired shape and measurements and leave to set.



## At a loose end?

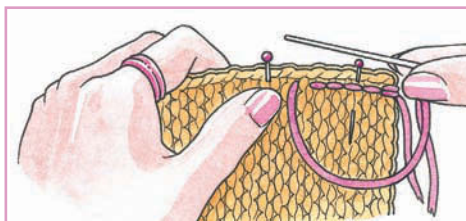
Follow these steps for sewing in any loose ends:

- 1 Thread the yarn onto a tapestry needle and work with the WS of the knit facing upwards.
- 2 Insert the needle under the loop of each stitch, and draw it through. Work it up and down the loops of the stitches for 8cm.
- 3 Cut the yarn close to the fabric.
- 4 If you are weaving at a colour change, be sure to work the loose end into the corresponding colour to prevent it from being visible at the front of the work.

## Back stitch

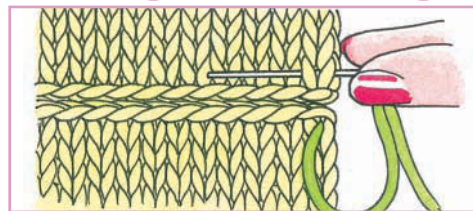


1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.

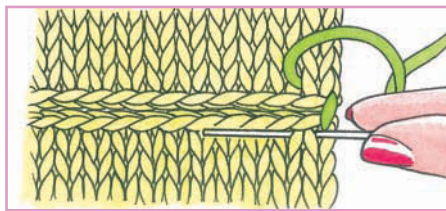


2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

## Joining cast off edges

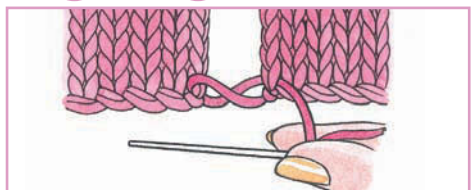


1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

## Beginning a seam



1 With the pieces placed next to each other with right side upwards, thread the yarn tail through the fabric after the first stitch, moving the needle from front to back. Then, take the needle behind the first stitch on the second piece from the back of the work to the front. The yarn will form a figure 8. Tug gently to secure.

## Mattress stitch



1 With the two pieces to be joined lying next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with the tapestry needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side.

2 Repeat this moving from one piece to the next and pulling the yarn to tighten the join.

**LET'S KNIT** 1 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY, 01206 508622  
support@letsknit.co.uk

**EDITOR** Sarah Neal, 01206 508622,  
sarah.neal@aceville.co.uk

**DEPUTY EDITOR** Adrienne Chandler,  
adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk

**EDITORIAL ASSISTANTS** Amy Adams,  
amy.adams@aceville.co.uk, Katie Wilding,  
katie.wilding@aceville.co.uk

**GROUP EDITOR** Lynn Martin 01206 505980  
**PUBLISHING DIRECTOR** Helen Tudor  
01206 505970

**ADVERTISING MANAGER** Julie Freestone  
01206 505913 julie.freestone@aceville.co.uk

**ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE** Samantha Dean  
01206 505114 samantha.dean@aceville.co.uk

**ART EDITOR** Lee Whiteford

**DESIGNERS** Gemma Eales, Louise Abbott,  
Laura Robertson, Fiona Palmer

**AD PRODUCTION** Angela Scrivener

**PHOTOGRAPHY** CLIQQ Photography,  
www.cliqq.co.uk

**HAIR AND MAKE UP** Dottie Monaghan

**FASHION STYLIST** Boo Hill

**PROMOTIONS OFFICER** Liz Tuthill 01206 505927  
liz.tuthill@aceville.co.uk

**ACCOUNTS** Phil Bale 01206 505907

**SUBSCRIPTIONS EXECUTIVE** Jo Gould

jo.gould@aceville.co.uk

**SUBSCRIPTION ENQUIRIES** 0844 844 0947,  
44(0)1795 414715 letsknit@servicehelpline.co.uk

**MARKETING MANAGER** Andrea Turner

**PUBLISHER** Matthew Tudor

**NEWSTRADE SALES** Marketforce 0203 148 3300

**PRINTED** In England © Aceville Publications Ltd  
2014

All items from patterns published by Let's Knit are for personal use only and cannot be sold. Multiple copies of any part of this publication may not be made, and no part of this publication whether in its original form or a reproduction thereof may be sold. All patterns featured within Let's Knit are reproduced in good faith that they do not infringe any copyright.

**DISCLAIMER:** We recommend that readers use the main specified yarn for every project as this will produce the best results. The alternatives given are suggestions only, and as no two yarns are exactly the same we advise readers to swatch an alternative yarn carefully before choosing to use it for their project. The publishers are not responsible for any safety issues arising from any items knitted from patterns contained within Let's Knit magazine.



# COLOUR therapy

## Fashion accent

### Land ahoy!

Reversible wooden beach sign, £17, 01625 578105, [www.coastalhome.co.uk](http://www.coastalhome.co.uk)



Decorative wooden anchor, £15, 0845 130 8229, [www.tch.net](http://www.tch.net)



Set of two By The Sea nesting boxes, £14.99, 01305 830095, [www.mollieandfred.co.uk](http://www.mollieandfred.co.uk)



Rope knot doorstop, £14.95, 01342 842599, [www.livelaughlove.co.uk](http://www.livelaughlove.co.uk)



Beach word print cushion, £12, 0844 844 8000, [www.next.co.uk](http://www.next.co.uk)

Celebrate the sunshine with a hint of yellow

# The Sun IS OUT



Havasupai from Rowan Summer Textures, £9.50, 01829 740903, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

- 1 Cygnet Kiddies Supersoft 4ply – shade Lemon, costs £2.06 per 100g (424m) ball from 01789 768682, [www.cosywool.co.uk](http://www.cosywool.co.uk)
- 2 Rico Fashion Summer – shade Yellow, costs £3.19 per 50g (64m) ball from 01925 764231, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)
- 3 DMC Petra – shade 5727 Yellow, costs £4.35 per 100g (280m) ball from [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)
- 4 Bessie May Honor – shade Zest, costs £3.35 per 50g (90m) ball from 07808 133527, [www.makedomenders.co.uk](http://www.makedomenders.co.uk)
- 5 Rowan Creative Linen –

- shade Sunflower, costs £8.95 per 100g (200m) ball from 0800 488 0708, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)
- 6 Wendy Mode Chunky – shade Lemon Squash, costs £3.49 per 100g (140m) ball from 0845 576 0007, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)
- 7 Stylecraft Special DK – shade Citron, costs £1.65 per 100g (295m) ball from 01379 650640, [www.disswoolandcrafts.com](http://www.disswoolandcrafts.com)
- 8 Katia Big Ribbon – shade 18, has an RRP of £8.70 per 200g (72m) ball. For stockists, go to [www.katia.com](http://www.katia.com)



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Bag: 34cm x 36cm (excl. handles)

## KNIT KIT

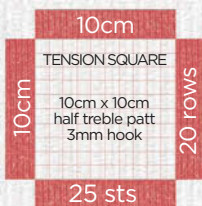
**Yarn:** Patons 100% Cotton 4ply, (A) shade 1697 Denim, (B) shade 1724 Pomegranate, (C) shade 1173 Pale Blue, (D) shade 1692 Cream, (E) shade 1729 Delta, one 100g ball of each

**Hook:** 3mm

**Handles:** wooden, flat

**Fabric:** cotton, 38cm x 38cm (for lining)

**Buttons:** assorted



## LET'S KNIT EXCLUSIVE CROCHET PATTERN

# Portsmouth

by Virginia Coppins is a striking crocheted bag with a maritime colour scheme

This striking bag has a fabulous texture and the crisp nautical shades make it bang on trend. It's also relatively simple to make.

The tucks are created by working raised stitches (around the stem of a stitch on a previous row) and the rest of the fabric is made up of half treble crochet stitches. The back is simple stripes and can be embellished with buttons from your stash.

## ABOUT THE YARN

**Patons 100% Cotton 4ply** is a good value, mercerised cotton yarn. Choose from 28 colourways. It can be machine washed, but you may want to remove the handles first.

### Need an alternative yarn?

**DMC Natura Just Cotton** is a 4ply yarn with a soft matt finish. It comes in an astounding 70 shades, so you'll have plenty of nautical colour options.

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**RhtrB:** raised half treble back – insert hook to the right of the vertical stem of the required stitch, from back to front. Move the hook around the stem, and bring it out at the back of the work to the left of the stem, as if you were 'picking up' the whole thing. Complete the stitch in the normal way, trying not to stretch it

**RhtrF:** raised half treble front – work as for RhtrB but insert hook from the front of work

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 88



**Patons 100% Cotton 4ply** costs £4.99 per 100g (330m) ball from 0800 505 3300, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

**DMC Natura Just Cotton** costs £3.50 per 50g (155m) ball from 01803 524402,

[www.knittingwoolandyarn.co.uk](http://www.knittingwoolandyarn.co.uk)



Similar bag handles, £1.77 per pair, 0161 236 4224, [www.fredaldous.com](http://www.fredaldous.com)





## crochet clever

**COLOUR CHANGES:** The neatest way to change colour in crochet is to join the new shade in the last stitch of the previous row. In this case, that stitch is a half treble. To do this, using the old yarn yoh, insert hook into stitch and pull through a loop. Using the new shade, yoh, and pull through all loops on the hook. You can loosely strand the colours not in use up the side of the work, as they will be safely hidden by the fabric lining.

### START KNITTING HERE

#### Front

**NOTE:** do not work into top of raised sts on row after a joining row – it will help to place a marker in top of sts before and after the joining one (on the joining row) as the joining st can be difficult to find on next row

Using 3mm hook and yarn A, make 88ch

□ Foundation row (WS): 1htr in second ch from hook, 1htr in each ch to end, turn. 87 sts

□ Rows 1-9: 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in each st to end, turn

□ Row 10: 2ch, 1htr in each of next five sts, pm around stem of last st, \* 1htr in each of next 19 sts, pm around stem of last st, rep from \* three times, 1htr in each st to end, turn. Five markers in place

□ Rows 11-17: rep Rows 1-7

□ Row 18 (joining row): 2ch, 1htr in each of next five htr, place hook behind work, 1RhtrB around stem of first marked st on Row 10, \* 1htr in each of next 19 htr, 1RhtrB around stem of next marked st, rep from \* three times, 1htr in each st to end, turn

□ Row 19: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, joining yarn B in last st of row (see Crochet clever), turn

#### COLOUR BLOCK ONE

Using yarn B, cont as folls:

□ Row 1: 2ch, 1htr in each of next 14 sts, pm around stem of last st, \* 1htr in each of next 19 htr, pm around stem of last st, rep from \* twice, 1htr in each st to end, turn. Four markers in place

□ Rows 2-7: 2ch, 1htr in each st

to end, turn

□ Row 8 (joining row): 2ch, 1htr in each of next 14 sts, 1RhtrF around stem of first marked st on Row 1, \* 1htr in each of next 19 sts, 1RhtrF around stem of next marked st, rep from \* twice, 1htr in each st to end, turn

□ Row 9: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, joining yarn C in last st of row, turn

#### COLOUR BLOCK TWO

□ Row 1: 2ch, 1htr in each of next five sts, pm around stem of last st, \* 1htr in each of next 19 htr, pm around stem of last st, rep from \* three times, 1htr in each st to end, turn. Five markers in place

□ Rows 2-7: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, turn

□ Row 8 (joining row): 2ch, 1htr in each of next five sts, 1RhtrB around stem of first marked st on Row 1, \* 1htr in each of next 19 htr, 1RhtrF around stem of next marked st, rep from \* to end, turn

□ Row 9: 2ch, 1htr in each st to end, joining yarn D in last st of row, turn

#### COLOUR BLOCKS 3-8

Alternating between Colour blocks one and two, cont as set working blocks in foll colour order:

□ Yarn D

□ Yarn E

□ Yarn B

□ Yarn C

□ Yarn D

□ Yarn E

□ After Row 9 of eighth block, cont in yarn E only and rep Row 9 three more times

□ Fasten off

#### Back

**NOTE:** Back has fewer rows than Front to allow for tucked effect

Using 3mm hook and yarn A, make 87ch

□ Foundation row: 1htr in second ch from hook, 1htr in each ch to end, turn. 86 sts

□ Rows 1-14: 2ch (counts as 1htr throughout), 1htr in each st to end, joining yarn B in last st of last row, turn

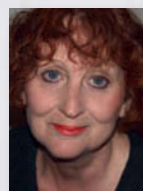
□ Rows 15-22: using yarn B, work in htr patt as set, joining yarn C in last st of last row, turn

□ Cont in htr patt working eight-row colour blocks to match Front, on final stripe work 14 rows

□ Fasten off

#### To make up

Sew Front and Back together along bottom and side edges, being careful to match the colour block stripes. Cut lining fabric 38cm x 38cm. Leaving a seam allowance, place fabric with right sides together and sew around bottom and side edges, leaving top open. Place lining inside crocheted bag. Turning over raw edges, sew top edge to crocheted bag. Stitch buttons randomly over Back of bag. Insert top edge through slot in handles and sew in place **LK**



*"This bag is a good stash-buster project for 4ply cotton*

*yarns. It also works well when made in just one colour."*

**LK DESIGNER**  
VIRGINIA COPPINS



*coming  
next issue*

**STUNNING PICNIC BLANKET  
BY SARAH HAZELL**

July issue of Let's Knit on sale  
Friday 6th June



# sew

## TRY 3 ISSUES FOR £6!\*



FREE GIFT  
WITH  
EVERY  
ISSUE!

HOME  
DÉCOR AND  
DRESSMAKING  
PROJECTS

### WHY SUBSCRIBE?

As well as receiving every issue overflowing with essential fabric cutting guides, beginners tips and professional know-how, you will:

- Get free delivery to your door before it hits the shops
- Save £££ off the cover price
- Enjoy a risk free trial

Guarantee you never miss an issue, **SUBSCRIBE NOW!**

TRY 3  
ISSUES  
FOR  
£6!\*



[www.sewmag.co.uk/SEW14T](http://www.sewmag.co.uk/SEW14T)

0844 826 7378

Quote SEW14T



Sew, 800 Guillat Avenue,  
Kent Science Park,  
Sittingbourne ME9 8GU

Lines are open Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

\*Terms & conditions apply, see online for full details.

Available from all good  
retailers including:

**TESCO**

**M**  
MORRISONS

**ASDA**

**WHSmith**

**Sainsbury's**



TO ADVERTISE HERE CALL 01206 505114

OR EMAIL: [samantha.dean@aceville.co.uk](mailto:samantha.dean@aceville.co.uk)

# CLICK & Knit

[www.wool4less.co.uk](http://www.wool4less.co.uk)  
Fantastic yarns at super low prices

BIG  
discounts  
on packs

Free P&P  
on orders  
over £25

Free  
downloadable  
brochures

Great  
customer  
service

Knitting  
Up  
Service

Stockists of: Sirdar, Robin, Jarol, King Cole, Wendy & James C Brett

**knitwitspenzance.co.uk**

**Your Wool Shop On-Line**

**Tel: 01736 367069**



**Peachey Ethknits**

Sirdar, Sublime, Rowan, Stylecraft, Regia, Patons - Knitting Yarns; Beth Russell, Historical Sampler, Heritage, Derwentwater, Vervaco - Needlework & Rug Kits; Denise Needle & Crochet Hook Sets

E: [ethknits@gmail.com](mailto:ethknits@gmail.com) Tel: 44(0)1245 327006 [www.ethknits.co.uk](http://www.ethknits.co.uk)



**BLACK HILLS YARN**

**SPRING BONANZA!!**

At Black Hills Yarns

**40% - YES that's right - 40% OFF**

all full priced yarns, some accessories and notions while stocks last!

**[www.blackhillsyarn.co.uk](http://www.blackhillsyarn.co.uk)**  
**01491 614342**



**YARNCRAFT**

[www.yarn-craft.co.uk](http://www.yarn-craft.co.uk)

**Fabrics Plus**

\*Patchwork & Quilting Fabric, Incl. Jelly Rolls, Fat Quarters, Charm Packs etc \*Daywear and Bridal Fabric

\*Large range of Haberdashery \*Knitting Wool & Patterns \*Sewing Patterns

[enquiries@fabricsplus.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@fabricsplus.co.uk)  
Tel: 0117 3293857 [www.fabricsplus.co.uk](http://www.fabricsplus.co.uk)



Sirdar yarns at  
low prices

[www.loviesyarn.com](http://www.loviesyarn.com)

**[www.ukcraftstore.com](http://www.ukcraftstore.com)**

Novelty Sewing Buttons, Craft & Decorative Buttons, Knitting Patterns, Accessories and much more

Tel: 0845 519 2471 Email: [sales@ukcraftstore.com](mailto:sales@ukcraftstore.com)



**the little wool company**

Excited to announce that we are now stocking the  
**NEW Manos Del Uruguay roving tops and beautiful  
Artyarns Beaded Mohiar Silk! Also in stock the  
HiyaHiya Dumpling bag with knitting ball stitch markers!**  
**[www.thelittlewoolcompany.com](http://www.thelittlewoolcompany.com)**  
**01409 221699**





# “I'm attracted to complexity”

We catch up with Franklin Habit to talk knitting memoirs and yarn delights.



**A**n avid knitter since his university years, Franklin Habit has taken his hobby and transformed it into a career path. He spends his days teaching knitting techniques, designing new projects, writing and illustrating his series of books; *It Itches: A Stash of Knitting Cartoons*, and even photographing – yes, you guessed it; knitting. As the founder of The Panopticon blog, Franklin has established himself as a funny and passionate knitter, who doesn't take himself too seriously.

**I like to knit any place it saves my sanity – waiting in long lines, waiting at airports, waiting for important news.**

Anywhere I'm waiting, come to think of it. I'm attracted to complexity, anything with frequent changes – cables, lace, stranded colourwork captures my attention.

*“Give me a nice worsted-spun wool and I'll amuse myself until I die or the rescue party reaches the desert island.”*

**I picked up the rudiments of knitting in my final year of university from a classmate, and taught myself the rest from an absolutely dreadful how-to book.**

I knit continental-style because the book's instructions for English-style were wrong. I still have three yards of the first yarn I ever bought – nasty stuff in dull blue, to remind me of how terrified I was to walk into a yarn shop.

**I don't think men's reasons for knitting are any different from women's – it certainly hasn't been my experience, and I have met literally thousands of knitters.** Some people knit for pleasure, some for a challenge, some for stress relief, some for practical reasons. Gender has nothing to do with it. Men are still a minority, yes; but at least at the shops, guilds, and fibre arts events



where I teach it no longer seems to be much of a surprise. I think that's a good thing. I think being a man may catch their interest at first, but if your stuff is junk you won't get a second look. Nor should you.

**I think we live in a Golden Age of yarns. The variety of fibres, weights, and colours available now is dazzling and hasn't been seen before.** Large and small producers are constantly looking for new ways to delight and serve us, and we are very lucky indeed. I admit I have dreadfully monotonous taste in yarns – I like the sort that doesn't call attention to itself with odd textures or weird variegations. Give me a nice worsted-spun wool and I'll

amuse myself until I die or the rescue party reaches the desert island.

**I'd like to knit a sweater for Odysseus because in the illustrations in my edition of *The Odyssey* he looks very chilly.** Also,

maybe a pair of socks for Virginia Woolf. She was always knitting them for other people but nobody seems to have knit for her. Maybe it would have helped. And her writing has given me so much pleasure, it'd be fair dues.

**I'm currently finishing the last in a series of lace shawls inspired by women in my family. It's dedicated to a dear, late aunt who was like a second mother to me.** I also have all the yarns and the pattern designed for a waistcoat for myself, in 14 colours of Rauma Finullgarn. A glance at the calendar suggests I will be able to cast on in 2037.



A final word on Franklin's stash

**What's the latest yarn to be added to your stash?**

Haymarket, from Lorna's Laces. Lovely squishy warm stuff. Rustic. I have it marked for an upcoming design.

**How many projects do you have on the go at any one time?**

Eleven thousand.

**Describe your stash in one word**

Small, because it has no place to live but under my bed. If it does not fit under my bed, it cannot live with me.

**For more information on Franklin, visit [www.the-panopticon.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.the-panopticon.blogspot.co.uk)**

## stash BUSTER

The Princess Franklin Plaid Collar (I'm wearing it in my picture) is lovely for using up odd balls of solids that play well together. The pattern is available free in the Winter 2013 issue of *Knitty.com*.

### Coming next issue

SACHIYO ISHII TELLS US ALL ABOUT TINY KNITTED CHARACTERS AND HER NEW BOOK

**ON SALE: 6TH JUNE**





# BERGERE DE FRANCE

visit

[www.bergeredefrance.co.uk](http://www.bergeredefrance.co.uk)  
for your nearest retailer

For trade enquiries,  
please contact:  
[service.export@bergeredefrance.com](mailto:service.export@bergeredefrance.com)

For consumer enquiries,  
please contact:  
[hello@bergeredefrance.com](mailto:hello@bergeredefrance.com)



Pattern taken from  
our spring/summer  
Magazine # 173



# deramores

THE ONLINE KNITTING &  
CROCHET SUPERSTORE

**FREE**  
DELIVERY  
ON ORDERS  
OVER £25



## 10% OFF YOUR NEXT ORDER\*

ENTER THE COUPON CODE **LK80** ON THE SHOPPING BASKET PAGE

\*One use per customer. Ends midnight BST 9 July 2014. Terms and conditions apply.

**www.deramores.com** ORDER LINE ☎ 0800 488 0708

Yarn • Patterns • Books • Needles • Buttons • Accessories